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## The Colonist Wishes All A Happy Christmas

### THRILLING ACCOUNT OF BIG AIR BATTLE FEATURES WAR NEWS

Between Eighty and One Hundred Planes in Fight Over Heligoland Last Week—Bombers Give Shot for Shot Although Outnumbered—Sinking of German Cruiser Described

LONDON, Dec. 23 (P)—The Christmas spirit—restrained but merry—swept Great Britain tonight in the wake of two weeks of bitter sea and air fighting. Chief war news of the day was an account of the terrific Wilhelmshaven and North Sea air battle of last Monday, in which the Royal Air Force proved its mettle against the Nazis in "the biggest air battle ever fought." Also described was the story of the sinking of a German cruiser by the British submarine Ursula.

London learned last night that a score of warriors of three Dominions fought side by side with the Mother Country's sky fighters in the raid over Heligoland Bight. Canadians had a big share in the show. South Africans and New Zealanders were there for a share in the scrap, in which the British Air Ministry said twelve German planes were shot down in comparison with seven British.

#### GIVE SHOT FOR SHOT

One squadron leader, describing the battle, said eighty to one hundred craft were engaged as Wellington bombers flew wing to wing and held formation in the face of fire from fast Messerschmitt fighters. Despite the fact the British bombers were outnumbered and at a disadvantage because of the fighters' higher speed, they "gave shot for shot and gave better than they got."

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### COMMISSIONER IS APPOINTED

Sir Thomas Glasgow to Act For Australian Government in Canada

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23 (CP)—Sir Thomas Glasgow today was appointed Australia's first High Commissioner to Canada.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister R. G. Menzies. It completes the exchange of high commissioners between the two Dominions, both at war at the side of Great Britain. Charles Burell, K.C., of Halifax, has been appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Australia.

#### DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Sir Thomas Glasgow goes to Ottawa after a distinguished career as soldier and statesman. In the South African War he served with the Queensland Mounted Infantry, winning the Distinguished Service Order and the Queen's Medal with five clasps.

In the Great War he held various commands with the Australian overseas forces, and for his services was knighted. He ended his military career with the rank of major-general.

After the war he became a Senator and served in the Cabinet of Stanley Bruce first as Minister for Home and Territories and later as Minister of National Defence.

#### FORMAL ADVICE RECEIVED

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (CP)—Formal advice that Sir Thomas Glasgow would come to Ottawa early in the new year as first Australian High Commissioner to Canada, was received by the Government today.

A Canadian Minister to Elst will be appointed shortly, and it is understood Hon. John Hall Kelly, member of the Quebec Legislative Council, will be selected. Elst sent J. J. Hearne here as minister last summer.

#### Sends Funds for Civilian Relief

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (P)—Former President Herbert Hoover cabled a second \$100,000 to Finland today for emergency civilian relief.

Hoover, chairman of the Finnish relief fund campaign begun fifteen days ago, said the money was sent in response to an urgent appeal by former Prime Minister Almo K. Cander, head of the Finnish civilian relief committee.

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### Will Speak to Empire Christmas Day



His Majesty King George VI will broadcast a Christmas message to the British Empire and the world tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, Victoria time, over the national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. A rebroadcast will be presented with the Canadian Press News, between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Victoria Time, over Station CBR, Vancouver. The photograph shows the King in his study at Buckingham Palace when he spoke to the world after Great Britain had declared a state of war existing between the Mother Country and Germany.

### Birth of Christ To Be Celebrated At City Churches

Observances Will Express Faith in the Saviour During Present Anniversary of His Coming—Midnight Masses Tonight and Special Holy Communion Services Tomorrow

Midnight services tonight (Christmas Eve), celebrations of Holy Communion, and parish Masses on Christmas Day, with sermons on the festival theme, will express the faith in the Saviour at the various city churches during the present anniversary of His birth.

The Colonist Will Observe Christmas: No Paper Tuesday

The Colonist will observe the Christmas holiday, and there will be no edition on Tuesday morning. The next regular edition will appear on Wednesday morning, containing a summary of world and local news happenings over the holiday.

#### Lost Life After Baby Was Saved

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 23 (P)—A thirty-one-year-old farm wife died in her flaming home today searching for her baby who had already been carried to safety.

The mother, Mrs. Harold Bean, dashed back into the house only a few moments after the child, Sandra, ten months old, had been rescued by the father.

### Japanese May Reject Pacts With Russians Unless Problems Met

Outstanding Differences Considered Too Many to Permit Non-Aggression Treaty at This Time

—Fear of Communism Apparent

Released by North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.

TOKIO, Dec. 23—A "rapprochement" between Soviet Russia and Imperial Japan, which have not been normally at peace since the Bolshevik revolution of November 7, 1917, seems very near at hand—barring further Russian involvement in the warfare of Western Europe, in which case all predictions go by the board until the situation clarifies itself.

The term "rapprochement" issued, but just what does it mean? In the case of Japan and Russia, it most distinctly does not mean a non-aggression pact. Commentators, perhaps even Governments, in America and Europe have apparently jumped to this conclusion, but too many other problems would first have to be solved to permit a Soviet-Japa-

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He is survived by his wife, two sons, Glen, of the Canadian National Shop here, and David, and one daughter, Dorothy.

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### RUSSIAN FORCE ESCAPES TOTAL ANNIHILATION BY SURRENDERING

Invasive Troops Surrounded in Savage Battle on Southeastern Front of Operations Against Finns—Casualties Result From Russian Bombing of Strategic Cities

### Russian Battalions Caught In Nickel Mining District

ELSINGFORS, Dec. 23 (P)—A savage battle at Aglajärvi on the southeastern front in which a surrounded Russian force was practically destroyed before it surrendered, was reported tonight in the Finnish High Command communiqué.

While Finnish troops were reporting a series of successful offensive operations along the eastern and southeastern fronts, Russian air raiders, for the fifth consecutive day, bombed strategic Finnish cities. Finnish advices, however, said there were no casualties.

### NAZI SHIPS PLAN DASH

Merchantmen in Neutral Ports Reported Ordered To Head for Reich

PARIS, Dec. 23 (P)—Allied warships took extra precautions tonight to intercept Nazi shipping as French naval sources declared approximately 500 German merchantmen in neutral ports had been ordered to try to return to the Reich, cost what it may.

The Finns have not only bombed Terijoki, the "seat of Stalin's puppet government," but also islands in the Gulf of Finland.

"There may be a lull in the fighting now," says The Times' military correspondent, "but Finland's need for help is as great as ever. By comparison Russia's resources are unlimited if Russia chooses to use them."

Sweden is preparing the civilian population for the danger of war. Censorship powers and control of movement as well as espionage regulations have been accorded the Government by the Rigsdag.

Thyness, the German business magnate whose money helped the Nazi party to power and who now is in exile in Switzerland, has been threatened with the confiscation of his property in Germany because he will not return to the fatherland.

Thirty of his relatives have escaped from Germany. Thyness says there is a scarcity of raw material in the German steel industry and alloys have to be used in armament factories.

None of Germany's leading merchants, industrialists or bankers believes his country can win the war. Goebel's is now trying to meet the German people's depression at the thought of a long war by alleging that "the whole plutocratic world" has risen against Germany and its social community to smash and destroy it.

Goebel emphasizes the "socialism" in National Socialism in the hope of appealing to the working classes to support Hitler's war.

WORK, NOT WAR, FOR WORKERS IN ITALY

The following awards are for officers and men of H.M. submarine Spearfish for courage, seamanship and resolution in bringing their ship safe home after many prolonged and violent enemy attacks which almost put her out of action.

Distinguished Service Cross—Lieut.-Commander John Garnault-Delahaze Ouvry, R.N.; Lieut.-Commander Roger Curzon Lewis, R.N., "for great courage and skill in securing and stripping live mines without regard for their own safety."

Medal of the military division of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service—Harry George Frederick Gazlgrave, chief petty officer, C.H.M.S. Mohawk; Donald Albert Dodimead, leading seaman, H.M.S. Mohawk.

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Distinguished Service Medal—Chief Engineer Room Officer Stanley N. Peel and Petty Officer Alfred P. Blacmore. "These two men were

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### KILLED AS CAR SKIDS ON ROAD

W. A. Redline, Port Coquitlam, Meets Death on Highway on Mainland

PORT MOODY, Dec. 23 (P)—Willet A. Redline, aged about fifty, of Port Coquitlam, was almost instantly killed tonight when his automobile careened off a highway about half a mile west of the Port Moody boundary.

Police said the highway was icy at the time and Redline's car apparently got out of control and rolled down the fifty-foot embankment, after sliding off the road about five miles from Coquitlam.

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### U.S. ORDERS FLEET OF FLYING BOATS

Fifty or More Giant Aircraft for Patrol Far at Sea to Cost \$20,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (P)—The United States Navy has ordered a fleet of giant, long-range four-motor flying boats to patrol its far-flung "line of observation" in the Pacific and to reinforce the Roosevelt Administration's hemisphere defence policies.

It was the end of a shopping sec-

ond that possibly fifty or more craft with a range of more than 5,000 miles were involved in a \$20,000,000 order just given a California plant.

The contract, the largest single aircraft purchase in navy history, went to the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, Cal. In accord with the navy's policy details were withheld.

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### Wartime Christmas Brings Record Trade For City Merchants

Last-Minute Rush of Seasonal Buying Yesterday Herald Beginning of Three-Day Holiday—Retailers Find Fears Fears Were Groundless

CITY retailers last night looked upon counters, shelves and store-rooms swept almost bare of merchandise; declared that Christmas, 1939, was one of the best they could remember, and went home to spend three days free from the weary task of trying to please everyone.

that if trade were always as good as it was last year, they would have little need to worry.

RELATED GREETINGS

People who had received Christmas cards and gifts from relatives and friends whom they had overlooked, yesterday availed themselves of the last opportunity to dispatch seasonal greetings, and

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### SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ANNOUNCED

Three Applied Science Graduates And Nursing Student to Receive U.B.C. Honors

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23 (P)—Three applied science graduates and one nursing student of the University of British Columbia have been awarded scholarships by the university senate.

Alfred G. Lyle, 1938 graduate, received a scholarship awarded by the Britannia Milling & Smelting Company.

A Cariboo gold mining scholarship was awarded to Howard W. Little, who graduated last year.

John E. B

## *Quiet May Prevail On Western Fronts During the Winter*

Expert Sees Little Chance for Major Offensive On Land While Weather Uncertain—Fighting on Reduced Scale Could Be Continued

By GENERAL SIR CHARLES Gwynn

LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP)—Winter, from the military standpoint, may be said to have arrived. With its arrival the chance of major offensive operations on land before next Spring has undoubtedly gone.

Even a subsidiary or preliminary, and that handicap is bound to increase the longer the struggle takes, as we learned on the Somme and at Passchendaele.

### SHELLS CHURN TERRAIN

Artillery fire turns wet ground into a morass which limits the pace of advance and exhausts infantry. Yet without artillery support, infantry attack in the face of automatic weapons is impossible. Moreover, shells bury themselves in soft ground and lose much of their lethal effect. Tanks, if they can move at all over muddy surfaces, are slowed by armoured many times as large as down.

**EFFECT MINOR RAIDS**

Fighting on a reduced scale can go on Bickering in No-Man's-Land and minor raids take place, but weather conditions are a dominant factor in prohibiting offensive operations on a large scale.

This especially is the case when, as in Western Europe, the weather is liable to change suddenly and unpredictably. There are many days in Winter when it would be impossible to launch an offensive if all preparations were ready, and troops assembled within striking distance. But battles are no longer a matter of a few hours of intensive fighting.

The struggle, once begun, may go on for days, weeks, and the weather may change before it is over. Uncertainty as to weather conditions is, therefore, the primary reason why Winter operations are too risky to be undertaken.

Bad weather may delay and hamper preparatory operations so that when a fine spell comes, preparations are not complete; again, when everything may be ready, a sudden change of weather may necessitate the postponement or abandonment of plans.

For bad weather imposes a desperate handicap on attacking troops

### *Noted Canadian Painter Passes*

MONTREAL, Dec. 23 (CP)—

Georges Delfose, seventy-nine, well-known French Canadian painter, died at his home here last night after a lengthy illness.

Among those sitting for him was Sir Wilfrid Laurier, famous Canadian statesman.

His widow, three daughters and a son survive.

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Wednesday**

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## *Metchosin Hall to Be Opened Friday*



REPLACING the hall built in 1885 which was demolished a few months ago, a new Community Hall has been built in Metchosin. It will be opened with an entertainment and dance on Friday night. Top picture shows the new hall and

bottom a group of those who were largely responsible for new building. From left to right, they are: Front, George Musselwhite, Bernard Jennings, Mrs. G. F. W. Jennings, secretary-treasurer of the Metchosin Hall building committee; Robert Jennings, Mrs. J. D. McCraight, F. C. Blake, chairman of the building committee; rear, L. H. Blake, Harold Walker, C. H. Helgeson, W. L. Whiting-Grimm, W. P. Pears and E. R. Blake. W. Witty was absent when the picture was taken.

### **JAPAN MAY NOT ENTER INTO PACT**

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permitting Japanese to fish in Siberian coastal waters under the general provisions of the 1905 Treaty of Portofino.

2. Definite delimitation of the boundaries between Manchukuo and Outer Mongolia, between Manchukuo and Siberia.

3. A revision and workable basis for the operation of the Japanese oil and coal concessions in the northern, or Soviet half of Saghalien (Karafuto) Island.

4. The conclusion of a trade-treaty.

A non-aggression pact at present is impossible for several reasons, partly patrimonial and partly much more tangible. The psychological reason is the deep-rooted fear of Communist doctrines and practices invading "the sacred soil of Japan." Not only the capitalists, but the bureaucrats, the militarists, the party political leaders and nearly every shade of opinion in this nation entertain that fear. It has been sedulously cultivated and carefully nurtured by every Government, whether party or non-party, for more than two decades. It had kept many, many policemen in their jobs tracing down and stamping out what they think may be its seeds.

#### SEES NO DANGER

In fact, to one who knows Japan and how Communism and the Japanese theory of the state clash at every point, this fear seems slightly ridiculous and overwrought. Japan is in no danger of Communism now or at any time, unless she should bring it upon herself. The empire will never become Bolshevik because of propaganda from outside; the only possibility would be the creation of conditions within the nation so desperate as to drive the people to seek any relief which might offer itself, and those conditions are not on the horizon today.

Japan's fear of Soviet Russia as a nation is much more important. Always Tokio asserts that not the Soviet Republic, but only the Comintern, is the enemy, but the truth is that the nation, rather than its Marxian theories, constitutes the real threat to Japan and to its future ambitions.

#### CLASH OF INTEREST

There is a genuine territorial clash of interests in the Far East between Russia, seeking an ice-free port on the open ocean not just as Tsarist Russia sought from the days of Peter the Great onward, and the Empire of Japan, with its ambitious goal of creating a new order in East Asia, which would make the voice and hand of Tokio all-powerful in this part of the world.

The numerous border incidents on the Asiatic Mainland are instances of this. The most serious of them, the fighting at Momonhan on the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolian border last Summer, brought a truce and the creation of a joint commission to demarcate the border. Although the Japanese public is told the contrary, the victory in this case goes to Moscow. Russian troops now occupy a sector of territory which both nations claim as their own, and the Japanese casualties last Summer were greater than those of all previous border incidents put together. The joint commission, meeting first in Siberian

## **METCHOSIN HAS FINE NEW HALL**

Community Centre to Be  
Opened Friday—Replaces  
Fifty-Year-Old Building

Completed except for a few finishing touches, the new Metchosin Community Hall will be opened on Friday night, when an entertainment and dance will be held. The funds will be used for Community Hall purposes.

The new hall replaces the fifty-year-old building which was demolished some time ago. The old hall had been a meeting place for the residents of Metchosin, Albert Head, William Head and Rocky Point. Its construction was started on May 6, 1885, on land donated by William Fisher, and members of such pioneer families as the Helgesens, Weirs and Wittys went to work on the building. The lumber was hauled for miles by team and some of it was brought by sea across from Victoria. The first trustees were Arthur Peat, T. Shoddart and W. Fisher.

#### SERVES LARGE DISTRICT

In the course of the next half century the hall was the centre of amusement and recreation for the district. For many years it served, in addition to the more immediate district, Luxton, Colwood, Parson's Bridge and Sooke, as well as being the headquarters for the women's and farmers' institutes.

The necessity for a larger hall became apparent as long ago as 1924, when the residents then voted for a new building. However, the committee appointed to deal with the matter decided against the venture because of the expenditure involved. Finally, a new hall committee was formed this year, and since then the progress has been rapid. The trust deed was altered. The Sports Club put on entertainments; donations were received, and labor was volunteered, and as far as possible the shell of the hall structure was built by a group of residents. Interest grew in the district, more and more support was obtained, until last week the building had reached the stage when it became necessary to announce plans for the opening.

#### NO SIGN OF CRUISER

Two destroyers were standing by the position in which the enemy cruiser had been, and these appeared to be searching for survivors. There was no sign at all of the cruiser, which had obviously broken up as a result of the torpedo hit and had sunk very rapidly.

Satisfied with her work, the Ursula left the area which, from the many explosions heard, was still very unhealthy. In spite of the fact that the submarine had eluded the initial counter-attack from a German destroyer.

The skillful and successful attack of the Ursula, close to the entrance of one of the German fleet's main harbors, shows that personnel of British submarines at the present time are worthy successors to the officers and men who successfully penetrated enemy waters during the last war.

#### THRILLING ACCOUNT OF BIG AIR BATTLE

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The earlier disaster occurred at Genthin and was the worst train wreck in Germany's history.

The station masters at Marksdorf and Kluttern were arrested, but the press blamed the wartime blackout and the general strain on the railway system.

Newspapers said misty weather made signaling difficult at Genthin, and railway authorities said preliminary investigations indicated the Marksdorf crash was caused by faulty signaling.

"That is a pretty dress you have on."

"Yes, I only wear it to tea."

"Whom?"

### **On Watch for the Enemy**



The Modern Gunner and His Gun Are Scientific, to Say the Least. This Picture Shows a British Gunner, With His Intricate Mass of Wheels and Dials, Watching for the Enemy Somewhere in France.

marine service as "Hitler's cabbage patch."

The first days of the submarine's patrol were uneventful only so far as every submarine patrol in enemy waters is crammed with small incidents.

On December 14 the Ursula was south of Heigoland, and when she dived into this area a number of patrol vessels were in sight. She watched through her periscope and eventually a cruiser of the Kolin class was sighted at a range of about four miles.

The German cruiser was screened by six destroyers, but the Ursula at once commenced the attack. It was not an easy attack, owing to the proximity of other German patrol craft, and in order to reach firing position the Ursula had to dive under screening destroyers. Their propellers were clearly heard overhead.

#### GIVES ORDER TO FIRE

The captain of the Ursula snatched a look at the German cruiser through his periscope and gave the order to fire. This was the final stage of a perfect attack pressed into close range and carried out on the enemy cruiser despite its protective screen of six destroyers.

Those in the submarine then waited—counting the seconds to see if they had scored a hit. They had. His Majesty's submarine had found its mark. A few seconds later there was another great explosion, proving that a second torpedo had also hit.

This second explosion appeared to have another explosion superimposed upon it, as if one of the magazines of the enemy cruiser had exploded. Both explosions shook the submarine badly, and the second broadside most of the electric light bulbs.

At the same time the torpedoes were fired, the noise of the propellers of the enemy cruiser could be clearly heard in the submarine. With the first explosion these ceased abruptly, and after the second explosion there were extraordinary noises of rending metal.

The submarine expected to be immediately attacked with depth charges from the destroyers, four of which at once turned towards the Ursula. The noise of propellers passing close was almost continuous, and very soon explosions were heard, but the Ursula skillfully avoided attack, and after a time came to periscope depth to have a look around.

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#### TURRET BLOWN AWAY

The bottom front turret of one British plane was blown away by shells and ignited. The gunner extinguished the fire with his gloved hand. This plane was forced down near the English coast and the crew rescued.

Holiday merriment hit its highest point in the United Kingdom since the war started as the night spots filled with uniforms.

Many homes, however, were without the children who have been taken to rural areas to be safe from bomb attacks.

"We are gathering for a strange Christmas, the strangest in our country's history," The Evening News commented. "Most of us have known a wartime Christmas, but none of us one which our own children could not spend at home. What a world is this of ours!"

#### STORES ARE CROWDED

Nevertheless, stores were crowded with Christmas shoppers hurrying to make last-minute purchases.

Streets were jammed with tramp musicians, holy vendors, and beggars playing to Christmas trade.

The stores made a brave attempt at gaiety with only meagre decorations. Food shops were hung with turkeys, pheasant and geese, and counters were laden with cheeses and puddings. Trains were packed with uniformed men home on Christmas leave. Parents who could hurried to rural areas to visit children over the long week-end.

Emphasizing British determination to observe Christmas regardless of war, The Star said: "Hitler, the man who made war, has returned to his eagle's nest at Berchesgaden, apparently to think out his next move. The week that has seen settling of the Giza Spine and the Columbus will hardly bring much cheer to the lonely megalomaniac sitting behind ramparts of machine guns. It will be Hitler's darkest Christmas—to date."

#### SINKING DESCRIBED

The text of a statement issued today by the Admiralty, recounting the story of how the British submarine Ursula sank a German cruiser December 14 follows:

H.M.S. Ursula reached her appointed patrol area after negotiating the minefield known among officers and men of the British sub-



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the road. But the driver and his one passenger escaped with minor injuries.

#### NO HEBREW LETTERS

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (P)—Letters in Yiddish or the Hebrew language are not forwarded under regulations set down when postal service recently was resumed in all of occupied Poland. Letters must be sent open, in German or Polish languages.

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## **Merry Christmas**

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## War's Christmas Shows Its Trend In Many Aspects

Soldiers Guests in Private Homes—Fighting Toys Around the Tree—Drift of Times Is Seen On All Sides, But Gay Parties Will Honor Holiday Season

(By The Canadian Press) MATERIAL aspect will be given to the Yuletide on Monday as Canada celebrates the first Christmas of the second Great War. Thousands of uniformed soldiers in training throughout the Dominion are being entertained as guests in civilian homes.

The soldiers, some far from their own homes, or in other cases without homes of their own, will be welcomed by families in centres near their training camps. The movement was promoted nationally.

At the same time, Canadian soldiers overseas will be opening packages and letters carrying gifts and sentiments enabling them to share in the festivities with the home folks.

Of all the public events of the holiday, perhaps the most significant will be a speech by the King

His Majesty will address the Empire by radio.

The military note will be evident also in toys piled around Christmas trees—tiny tanks, bombing planes, soldiers and machine-guns, reflecting the interest in the war abroad.

### HOLIDAY REJOICING

The holiday rejoicing this year will be heightened by increased industrial activity, employment and better farm prices. Charity Christmas dinners will be fewer because of the sharp reduction in the number on relief compared with last December, more than 50 per cent in some centres.

In toyland, the Martian tendency is offset mainly by the popularity of the motion picture, "The Wizard of Oz," which has served as the inspiration for dolls and decorations and revived interest in the series of Frank Baum stories on which the picture was based.

In many localities Canada's prelude to Christmas has been lacking in the snow which is considered essential to complete the Canadian picture of the holiday. Instead, during December a robin was seen on the main street of Massey, Ont., in the Sudbury district; roses have bloomed in Windsor and an immigration official picked violets from his garden in Fort Erie.

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## BENCH AND BAR PAY RESPECTS

Representative Gathering at Funeral of Late Hon. J. A. Macdonald

Premier T. D. Pattullo, members of the Government, bench and bar, and representatives of British Columbia legal societies paid their respects to the memory of the late Hon. James Alexander Macdonald at the funeral service held yesterday afternoon in Christ Church Cathedral.

Leaving Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 1:45 p.m., the cortège proceeded to the Cathedral, where Rev. H. E. Sexton, Bishop of Columbia, conducted a brief but impressive service, the hymn "Abide With Me" being sung.

Prominent among those in attendance were Mr. Justice G. M. Sloan, Mr. Justice C. H. O'Halloran, of the Court of Appeal; Hon. K. C. MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture; Col. Eric Pepler, K.C., deputy attorney-general; Sheriff H. W. Goggan; members of the bar, A. D. Macfarlane, K.C.; H. G. S. Heisterman, A. D. King, W. H. Bullock-Webster and W. C. Moresby, K.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wootton, of the Provincial Conservative Association.

H. J. Davis, K.C., vice-president, represented the Victoria Bar Association, in the unavoidable absence of H. W. Davy, K.C., president. The benches of the Law Society of British Columbia were represented by W. E. Burns, K.C., Vancouver, and H. G. Lawson, K.C., Victoria.

**HONORARY PALBEARERS**

Honorary pallbearers present were:

Premier Pattullo, Senator J. H. King, Chief Justice Archibald Martin, Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Aylay Morrison, Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald, Senator J. W. de B. Farris, Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald, Judge H. H. Shandley, Judge David Whiteside, R. H. Pooley, K.C., E. S. H. Winn, K.C., F. A. Pauline and J. H. Beasley. Active pallbearers were Hon. Norman Whittaker, K.C., C. L. Harrison, K.C., Carew Martin, J. L. Clay, R. D. Harvey and Alan MacLean.

Among many beautiful floral tributes were those from the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber, the Premier and members of the Executive Council; the Vancouver Bar Association and the Victoria Bar Association.

Interment took place in the family plot in Royal Oak Burial Park.

### "CONSOLIDATED" BUYS YELLOWKNIFE CLAIMS

EDMONTON, Dec. 23 (CP)—E. G. Jones, of Fort Resolution, N.W.T., said in a telegram received here today that claims owned by himself and Tom Cassidy had been sold to the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company for \$75,000 cash and 10 per cent interest.

The claims are in the Yellowknife gold field, 675 air miles north of Edmonton.



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### German Club Is Raided by Police

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 23 (CP)—Turkish police today raided the German Club, Teutonia, a Nazi meeting place, and seized books and records.

The president and former president of the club and other members were extensively questioned but no one was arrested.

Authoritative sources said police were continuing an investigation of the club's activity as part of a drive against foreign propaganda.

**SIX ON PLANE SAVED BY SHIP**

Five Missing After Crash of

Air Liner in Mediter-

ranean Sea

LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP)—Six survivors in McCall Bros.' Funeral Home yesterday afternoon for the late Edward T. Brooks, Rev. O. L. Juli, will officiate and interment will take place in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

Flight Engineer J. J. Broome was injured severely, the announcement said, while Pilot Peter C. Fair, of Kingston, Ont., was hurt slightly. Steward Ernest Smith also was among the rescued. Names of the three other survivors were not immediately available.

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**REAL STUFF**

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Sunday, December 24, 1939

## WHAT BETHLEHEM PROCLAIMS

Tonight the joyful sound of ringing bells from many a church tower will commemorate the Nativity, will remind the people of an advent that has colored the years for so many centuries; will tell them, with their "mad, romping din," of the coming of the Christ-Child, the wonder of Whose birth has imbued the sense of everyone in Christian lands with the Spirit of Christmas. This season is one when men and women become children again, when they replete themselves with the mantle of a common humanity, after putting off their cares and casting aside the defensive armour of suspicion in a competitive world. Their true selves appear in the bringing to light of a greater degree of kindness than they would commonly dare to show. The harsh routine of life is set aside; occasion is made in its span to recall friends whose memory has been overlaid, but not forgotten. There is a return of allegiance to what is best and purest, what is holy and spiritual in a way of living.

This season has been called an incursion of the abnormal, when thought "converges on a light that flashed on life's darkness and on a song that surpassed human singing." These were the accompaniments of the affirmation of Divine successor for man's weaknesses. The knowledge of this Great Reliance has had the power through time thereafter to soften asperities and to kindle loving-kindness, because the charm of the season is ineluctably associated with the character of Him Who was born on Christmas Day. It is significant of the good that is resident in the human consciousness that there should be such whole-hearted enjoyment from year to year, in being recalled to the possibilities of human fellowship. While this is so, there will remain the deep-seated remembrance of the wonder of the day which is stamped forever on the annals of recorded time, the knowledge that there is a Person Who not only appeared as a light in the darkness, but Who showed in His sojourn on earth that love is stronger than selfishness, that peace is the will of God for man.

The instinct of childhood is to trust. It is trust that is a characteristic element in the Christmas story. "Suffer little children to come unto Me—for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Trustfulness is the putting aside of human hatreds; the restoration of mutual confidence. That is one of the perpetual messages of Christmas. It has other gifts, gifts that are as indestructible. It is a reminder of the possibilities of growth and development in small beginnings. The shepherds who listened to the angels' song outside Bethlehem, the Magi who followed the star gleaming as it guided them in their pilgrimage of faith, saw with that inner eye which no doubt could darken, not a helpless infant in a lowly manger, but the Saviour of the world. Intuition told them not merely what He was, but what He was capable of becoming. They had the vision to see in Him the wonder of how the power of God can develop into what will transform humanity. It is that wonder that can be applied to all individual life, that can become actual, so that in every heart there is a Bethlehem and in each the Christ may be born.

Christmas is the season that links the present with the past. It gives the sense of continuity of all that is best in humanity. It renews a reason for old rejoicing; it rejuvenates the motive for an ancient good will. More than all else it has the power of restoring the knowledge that the light that shone from Bethlehem can be brought to bear to illuminate the problems of existence. Christ saw life and human nature in their reality. He visualized all the frailties that beset men and women. He spoke the message of happiness and peace, of the coming of Divine Love. Had he not done so this season of the year would not be marked by neighborliness, by the restoration of friendships, by the breaking down of the barriers of convention, by innumerable deeds of kindness, by a changing attitude of one towards another, by the bringing out of that human nature that shows men and women at their best. The manner in which Christmas is celebrated is not that of a game of "let's pretend" for the children's sake. It goes for deeper into the roots of human society, into the depths of the heart of mankind. It is an inspiration to which the wonder of the Child Christ has given birth, a wonder that makes the very thought of Christmas one of efficacy.

After all that may be said about this festival of the Christian Church, there remains the knowledge that because of the Birth at Bethlehem, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Divine Love came from above and has been willing ever since to make its dwelling place in whatever heart will receive it. God provided for the world a redemptive act in the field of human history; the Eternal came into time. There was a bodily manifestation and a spiritual message combined; in the sum of these two there was the opening up to human ken of the Light of the World, of how there is a peace that may be won for all who are troubled, of how even an individual's everyday tasks and duties, in the workshop or in the home, on all occasions of life, may be transfigured when seen in the splendor of that which is to be for the righteous. A new creative force with its power of life was proclaimed, a loftier standard of conduct was set, energizing sources of spiritual aid were promised. There was an advent of fresh hope when the Saviour of mankind was born. When "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," He inspired mankind by the message that there is a way out of sins and discontents, that there can be peace where there is discord. He spoke to all that is highest in man, and at Christmastide there are always evidences of how the heart can respond.

The secret of the vitality of Christianity goes

back to the Creative Person of the One Who was born at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day, He who gave both to the individual and to society a regenerating stream of life. It is in recognition of this that the bells ring out and that the songs of the season invite a harmony of good will. It is the deeper content of this message, once realized and practised, that will bring peace on earth. The carols and the anthems tell of Divine action and human blessing. They make melody in the heart as they set the Child in the midst, as it was on the first Christmas Day when, in recognition of a creative act, the angels sang on high. The true significance of the Day of Incarnation is not alone the commemoration of One Who is the Perfect Man. It is, as well, that in Him there is found the source of Divine Life and Divine Love from which issues those spiritual powers that can perfect the recreation of the individual and the human race. The Birth at Bethlehem proclaims each Christmas Day, and on all other days too, that which has endowed humanity with the potencies of the spiritual life. What of the gift above all others that may be given on this day? It is that of a heart open to the Divine influence, a heart set upon forwarding His cause.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Sweet night of Peace! Tho' Yuletide loe  
Would claim a robe of snow,  
Tho' merry Christmases of yore  
Have seen the great logs glow—

"Tis meet a peaceful night and mild  
Should greet at times the Holy Child

Who brought such peace below.

In deepening hues expectantly  
Earth heard the midwinter fragrance free

Through heaven's wide-opened gates,

To scatter'd fanes, which far and wide  
Sped gladness o'er the countryside.

While yet unsolved tears were shed  
Over graves of long-forgotten dead.

In years to come this night will be,  
For we now behold

Emblaz'd in our memory

Among dear days of old;

For one who dream'd, like them, of bliss  
To stand at twilight on the hill

And view with little pain,

Those dreams beyond a poet's skill  
That ne'er can come again.

Yet all pure joys that fade away,  
All innocence of youth,

Are stored for some awakening day,

Like sunshine in the earth

Which through laburnum-fount wells up,

And glows in shining buttercup,

'Aer gives the cowslip birth.

Ah! happy children laughing by,  
Timed joy can sanctify

The fleeting joy that lights the eye

To be a joy for ever,

Earth's love, like waves, may break and swell,

Restless and vain and changeable—

The depth of love, that angels tell

Tonight, can alter never.

—Warham St. Leger.

## PATRON OF ERROR

Now human authority at the strongest is but weak, but the multitude is the weakest part of human authority; it is the greatest portion of error most easily abused, and most hardly disabused. The beginning of error may be, and mostly is, from private persons, but the maintainer and continuator of error is the multitude... It is a thing which our common experience and practice acquaints us with that when some private persons have gained authority with the multitude, they send some into them, and made it public, the publication of the error gains authority to it, and interchanges prevail with private persons to entertain it.—John Hales (1584-1656).

## LICENCE IN WAR

I saw prevailing throughout the Christian world a licence in making war of which even savage nations would have been ashamed; recourse being had to arms for slight reasons or none; and when arms were once taken up, all reverence for divine and human law was thrown away, just as if men were thereto authorized to commit crimes without restraint.

—Crotius.

## NATIVE RIGHTS

War is honorable  
In those who do their native rights maintain;  
In those whose swords an iron barrier are  
Between the lawless spoiler and the weak;  
But is, in those who draw their offensively blade  
For added power or gain, sorid and despicable  
As means of office of the worldly churl.

—Johanna Baillie (1776-1851).

## The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 7:00 p.m., December 23, 1939.

### SYNOPSIS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

Pressure remains high over Northeastern British Columbia and relatively low over Queen Charlotte Islands, with a shallow depression centred in Callum. The weather has been fair and cool in nearly 1/2 parts of this Province, and cold, with snow flurries, in the Prairie Provinces.

### PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES

Precipitation for twelve hours to 5:00 p.m.; temperatures for twenty-four hours.

Precipitation Min. Max.

Victoria . . . . . 34 41

Nanaimo . . . . . 27 44

Vancouver . . . . . 29 41

Kamloops . . . . . 24 34

Prince George . . . . . 01 15

Estevan Point . . . . . 31 46

Prince Rupert . . . . . 36 46

Langara . . . . . 03 42

Dawson . . . . . 28 37

Seattle . . . . . 31 43

Portland . . . . . 34 46

San Francisco . . . . . 25 46

Spokane . . . . . 27 36

Oregon . . . . . 28

Victoria . . . . . 25

Kelowna . . . . . 25 34

Grand Forks . . . . . 24 34

Nelson . . . . . 23 32

Kaslo . . . . . 17

Cranbrook . . . . . 8 24

Calgary . . . . . 03 13

Edmonton . . . . . 04 11

Swift Current . . . . . 06 9

Princ Albert . . . . . 07 15

Winnipeg . . . . . 01 11

Below zero . . . . . 20 26

SATURDAY

Minimum . . . . . 34

Maximum . . . . . 41

Average . . . . . 37

Minimum on the grass . . . . . 31

Weather, clear, sunshiny, Dec 23, 7 hrs., 30 min.

### 5:00 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 30.00; wind, N., 10 miles; clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.01; wind, NW., 10 miles; clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.13; wind, SW., 2 miles; fair.

Prince George—Barometer, 30.10; wind, NE., 5 miles; cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.90; calm; cloudy.

Langara—Barometer, 29.06; wind, NW., 5 miles; raining.

Estevan Point—Barometer, 30.00; wind, SE., 10 miles; cloudy.

Tatsoi—Barometer, 29.98; wind, NE., 10 miles; clear.

Portland—Barometer, 29.94; wind, NW., 5 miles; fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.96; wind, N., 10 miles; clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.75; wind, NE., 3 miles; cloudy.

## Note and Comment

By SANDHAM GRAVES

A—Merry Christmas to you!

M—ay the Giver of Gifts bring you a full life, and a happy one.

E—very day may your opportunities, your horizon and your heart be enlarged.

R—ight at your side may you have those whom you love, cheering you on.

R—egularly as the sun and the tides may you find useful work to do.

E—arly may you find yourself further up the hill of your own climbing.

C—hearty may your way lie among pleasant paths, and valued friendships.

H—apply may you close each day without cause for self-reproach.

R—ightly that which you have earned may you enjoy in security and peace.

I—n sickness or in health, may you be given strength to carry on.

S—eeing, may you learn the beauty that clothes a universe of ever-lasting wonder.

T—hankfully may you accept the hazards of the game; your life the greatest gift of all.

M—ay fortune find you kindest face to you and yours.

A—lone, may you have sense to fill your heart with friendships.

S—urrounded, may you ever keep your head above the wreck and din.

T—o all men may you turn a single countenance, and that an honest one.

O—n no one, save your Maker, may you ever have to lean for daily bread.

Y—our darkest fears, may they dissolve before your eyes.

O—ward, may you ever see your path both light and clear.

U—neralized, may the Giver of

## ENGLAND TO HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS

In Spite of War Old Land Will Celebrate in Traditional Fashion

### NEWSPAPERS HERALD SPIRIT OF HOLIDAY

LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP)—The shroud of war is hanging darkly over the country, but under the blackout in front of the friendly holly-laden heartlands, old England is preparing for a "Merry Christmas."

Behind the front pages screaming with war news this morning's newspapers reflect the Yuletide theme in their last publication until after Boxing Day (Tuesday).

They carried the usual special Christmas features including the Bible story in places where military experts usually hold forth, and laid emphasis on the Christmas Day broadcast which will bring the Commonwealth to the Royal Family fireside at Sandringham.

The Daily Mail, searching for a cheery message to its readers, added to its seasonal greetings the comforting thought that, since yesterday was the shortest day of the year, the blackout will be getting shorter if only a few seconds each day.

#### PEA FOR PEACE

The Mail editorial called it a "Christmas of war which isn't a full war. A Christmas of peace—and there isn't peace," and prayed: "That by this time next year millions will be released from the bondage of a regime whose ideals are the very mockery of Christmas."

The Daily Herald said that while no one would hope or wish to forget the war during Christmas, that was no reason for a lack of laughter and cheerfulness. Virtues against which "Nazism sends its dark and horrible challenge."

Humor was not forgotten. The Herald illustrates a story on home defence "Archies" being manned throughout Christmas with cartoons of a sky-riding, fretful Santa Claus dodging shells and shouting. "Unidentified aircraft is blown! Those gunners will be sorry for this when they look in their stockings."

#### A NURSERY RHYME

The Daily Mail carries a Christmas A B C nursery rhyme which starts by lampooning "A is for Adolf . . .," and includes:

"C stands for Churchill,

You all know what he does—He rounds up the U-boats.

And smokes their torpedoes."

The accompanying cartoon shows the First Lord puffing one of his famous torpedo-like cigars.

The Express banner line, "A Merry-as-Possible Christmas to You All," tops a cartoon by Strube showing uniformed representatives of the Empire's war forces, including a Canadian soldier, all linked cross-armed in "Auld Lang Syne."

#### NOT ALL-POWERFUL

The newspaper's editorial asks that inspiration be taken from the story of Christ. "Let it remind you that Hitler can blackout Europe tonight, but he cannot prevent the sun rising tomorrow." It said.

The paper asks that servicemen on duty not be forgotten, and says: "Give thanks to the great Dominions which have not hesitated to give us freely their men and resources. Remember the Canadians who are already on our shores."

Those under the shadow of the swastika should be remembered, and when Christmas ends "Remember why we are fighting this war, why we should fight with added resolution . . . For next year, or the next year, or the year after, there will once more be happy Christmases in the countries of Europe—yes, and in Germany, too—with peace on earth, good will toward men."

#### BOY SCOUT NEWS

##### ST. MARY'S TROOP

About twenty Scouts and leaders attended the meeting of St. Mary's Troop on Friday evening, which was opened by Herb Marrian, duty second. Following inspection and roll call, there was a programme of games. During the evening, Jim Robinson was presented with his five-year service star. It was decided not to hold the troop "spalsh party" for the present.

##### ROYAL OAK SCOUTS

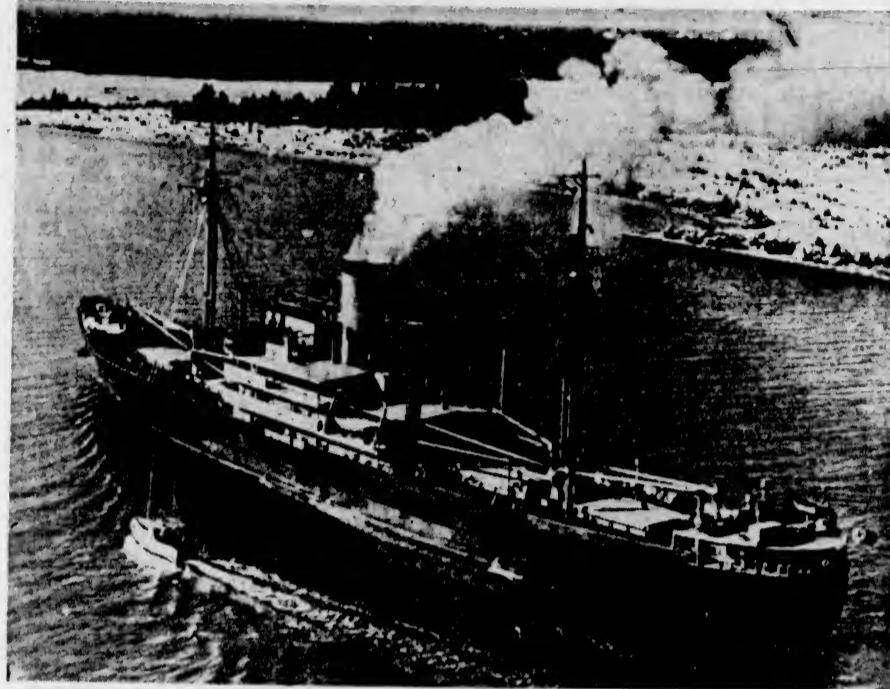
The work of the Royal Oak Troop in its Scout toy shop has been successfully completed, and the troop wishes to thank all kind donors of toys and material. A Christmas party took the place of the regular Friday night meeting. The arrangements for programme and refreshments were in the hands of the patrol leaders. A gift of a new type of first-aid symptom-treatment card was given by Scoutmaster Goddard to each member of the troop. The honor patrol pennant is now in the possession of the Ravens, under the leadership of Nat Eccleston. The next meeting of the troop will be held on January 5.

#### THRILLING

Harry was telling his new lady friend about his boating adventures. He: "Fee, for five days and nights we lay out at sea, taking turns to row before we sighted land."

She: "Oh, how lovely! I just love a trip in a rowing boat."

## Forced to Flee to United States Port



The German freighter Arauca is shown here at Port Everglades, Florida, after she fled from a British cruiser which fired a warning shot across the bow of the fleeing Nazi freighter before she reached safety of neutral waters. Captain Frederick Stenger, of the Arauca, said that his ship might stay in port for two or three years after being informed of the fate of the German liner Columbus, which was scuttled while attempting to reach Germany.

## Canadian Legion War Services Undertakes Vast Job of Welfare

**Young Men in Naval, Land and Air Forces Being Provided With Comforts Possible in War-time in Canada and Overseas**

By P. H. WOODING

A YEAR ago, when Herr Hitler led Europe to the brink of war, vast behind-the-scenes preparations were being made throughout the Empire for any eventuality. The possibility of a new and more catastrophic conflict constituted then, as it does today, a threat against democracy and all the decent things in life the people of British blood hold dear. Canada was not found lagging and authorities began formulating plans to place this country in a state of readiness.

The Canadian Legion, representative of 175,000 veterans of the 1914-1918 struggle, did not underestimate the significance of the situation.

A rallying cry was sounded when old warriors who had left home and lived ones twenty-five years ago to answer the call to duty, responded as one man. The legion from Halifax to Vancouver, was united in effort.

#### AIDES GOVERNMENT

At the height of the crisis the Dominion president, Brigadier W. W. Foster, D.S.O., V.D., now director of auxiliary services, Department of National Defence, convened a meeting of the Dominion command. Spokesmen for the thousands of men who are members of the legion's vast organization approved what was to become one of the most historic peace-time communications ever forwarded to the Government. That communication conveyed the message that the entire resources of the legion were at the disposal of the Government against the emergency of war.

During the jittery months that followed, the task of putting Canada in a state of preparedness was never relaxed. Nor were the efforts of the legion. When the allied powers finally were forced to declare that a state of war existed against the German Reich, the legion responded. This time war was a grim reality.

The legion executives discussed matters with the Minister of National Defence. The same day they waited upon the Prime Minister. To both they presented concrete plans whereby the legion could make its maximum contribution to Canada's war effort. The result was notable for its expression of confidence.

#### ANXIETY TO SERVE

Thousands of veterans, of course, had already enlisted in the armed forces, but there were thousands of men who were unfit for active service, were anxious to do their bit. As a result of representations made by the legion on behalf of all veterans' organizations, these men volunteered to augment the R.C.M.F. and provincial and municipal police in guarding harbors, power plants, bridges, railway stations and other vital points subject to sabotage by enemy agents. The military authorities, in addition, were offered more than 600 local branch headquarters to be used as clubrooms, and in some cases as regimental headquarters, for the new recruits for whom books, magazines and local entertainment were also provided.

At the outset, however, the experience of the first Great War had impressed upon all veterans the necessity of providing for the welfare of the young men enlisting in Canada's naval, land and air forces. As old soldiers who knew the suffering, the hardships and the deprivations of that struggle and as, in thousands of cases, the fathers of the new recruits, they felt that it was their right to provide for the needs of these young men who have taken up arms.

During its consultations with the

prized of outstanding educationists, are being formed in every military district, and facilities are being made available for the continuation of public school education and for such general studies as current events and economics, as well as for work in agriculture, technical subjects, bookkeeping, stenography and secretarial work. Advanced students may even obtain their matriculation or B.A. degree by correspondence through arrangements being made with certain universities.

The years of experience behind its parent body in dealing with personal problems of veterans of the first Great War enables the Canadian Legion War Service to be of tremendous help to the new enlistments. Long-established facilities are at the disposal of the men where they may receive advice and guidance from their older comrades.

#### GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

An important part of the legion's war work will be its entertainment programmes. Experienced personnel are now developing concert parties within the forces and the men chosen are being moulded into self-contained companies. These companies, when costumed and equipped, will entertain the units. From time to time, and dependent upon future needs, there will be amplification of certain other entertainment features such as lectures by outstanding speakers, musical programmes and dramatic presentations. Various types of moving pictures are presently being shown and it is contemplated that, when finances permit, mobile moving picture units will be utilized to permit of greater expansion in this important field.

When requested to do so by the commanding officers, the legion will establish and conduct canteens. It is the determination of the organization that a wholesome and home-like atmosphere will be maintained throughout and, with this in view, plenty of books, magazines and facilities for letter writing are being made available.

#### WORK OVERSEAS

While the value of the work which this new organization will perform in Canada cannot be underestimated, at this early stage one

can but speculate on the magnitude it will assume in England and France when the Canadian Forces arrive overseas. There the same facilities, but to a much greater extent, will be provided. In addition, leave hostel centres will be established where the men will be provided with beds and meals and where they may enjoy comfortable recreation and reading rooms free of charge. Another important undertaking by the legion will be that of procuring invitations from warm-hearted British families who will offer Canadians on leave the hospitality of their homes.

The Canadian Legion War Service is a carefully constituted body comprised of distinguished men in Canadian military and public life. Upon their shoulders rests a tremendous duty. Knowing full well, from personal experience, the hardships and sufferings to which Canadians were subjected twenty-five years ago, they are determined, however, that every effort shall be made at home and abroad, to provide the maximum welfare for the gallant youths who have responded for service in the present struggle.

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**Halifax Lecturer Had No Intention of Conveying Information**

HALIFAX, Dec. 23 (CP)—Allan Findlay, youthful university lecturer charged with conveying military information out of Canada, will appear in court on Thursday for a magistrate's decision on the accusation laid under Defence of Canada regulations.

The twenty-five-year-old Findlay was the only defence witness today as the two-day preliminary hearing concluded. More than two hours on the stand, Findlay was permitted to remain on \$5,000 bond, after Magistrate R. E. Engles reserved decision.

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**WILLIAM GODFREY**  
DIES IN NANAIMO

NANAIMO, Dec. 23 (CP)—William Godfrey, prominent resident of nearby Extension district for the past thirty-five years, died in hospital here today. He was eighty-two years old.

Born in Sunderland, County Durham, England, Mr. Godfrey came to Canada at the time of the Riel Rebellion. At its conclusion he joined the Canadian Pacific Railway construction crew, laying the cross-continental tracks to British Columbia.

He came to Vancouver Island in 1887 and worked in the Wellington mines until 1904, at which time he moved to Extension where he took up farming.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday.

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**R. J. Selfe Dies**  
At Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 23.—Richard James Selfe, prominent businessman of this city, died suddenly this morning at the West Coast Hospital, where he was taken last night following a heart attack. He has been in the garage and motor car business here for the past three years and before that time was in business in Courtenay. He was born in England in 1881 and has resided in Canada for the past twenty years. He is survived by his wife and infant child, resident here, and by two sons, Anthony, in Courtenay, and Frederick, in Victoria.

#### EARTHQUAKES RECORDED

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP).—The University of Pittsburgh seismograph station reported today the recording to earth tremors of "very low intensity" and lasting about one minute.

D. C. Bradford, station director, said the centre of the disturbance was about 110 miles from Pittsburgh and the time about 4:38:24 a.m. PST.

#### WIN TURKEYS

Winners of the turkey drive, held at Hampton Hall recently, were First, Mrs. A. Sheratt; second, Mrs. J. Boston; third, Mrs. W. Munro; first, Mr. Derman; second, Mr. A. Sinclair; third, Mr. W. Davidson; consolation, Mrs. Mercer and Mr. A. Pass. The cake was won by Mrs. A. Stewart.

#### DECORATED TICKETS

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23 (AP).—Apparently overcome by the Yule spirit, a Miami traffic policeman is placing Christmas seals on the "tickets" he leaves on automobiles.

## Will Tighten Belts For Voluntary Food Control in France

Citizens Have Usual Supplies but Realize Conditions Might Be Worse—Bordeaux, at Present, Thinking of After the War

**B**ORDEAUX, Dec. 23 (AP).—In this peaceful West Coast port of France, prepared for the enemy's air raids, but hardly expecting them, prices have not increased appreciably since the war began.

There is an abundance of food, but service is slower because only the wives and daughters of the shopkeepers are now left to serve. Transportation and delivery is slower because troop trains and auto supplies have priority on the railway—but with patience practically anything can be had.

No food rationing is noticeable. Germany hired him. At the age of twenty-four, Fokker was a vital part of the German military establishment as it entered the Great War.

In all, he built more than 8,000 military machines for Germany during the war. As a sideline, Fokker developed the first synchronous machine gun for the German army to permit firing through the propeller arc.

Only twenty-eight when the war closed, Fokker found himself possessed of a fortune of \$30,000,000, marks, owner of two airplane factories and an armament factory, and holder of a controlling interest in

#### EGGS FOR CHILDREN

Yet there is already voluntary rationing in France. It is more difficult to get strictly fresh eggs now," says the shopwoman persuasively, "so we try to sell those we have for the children or sleek."

"We must use less sugar and be careful to waste nothing," says the housewife seriously. "Our men may need it if this war lasts a long time."

"You don't need butter and jam on your bread at once," scolds the mother. "Think of your daddy at the front. Besides, if we are careful you may send him a nice box of good things this month."

Evidences of this voluntary economy are to be seen everywhere and overheard in every conversation. There is little hoarding in French homes.

Sports grounds and amusement parks are transformed into parade grounds and military headquarters. Hospital flags float above high schools. Hotels have become official quarters, private homes and institutions are now schools.

#### LOOK TO FUTURE

Parisian commercial, industrial and banking institutions have their representatives in Bordeaux looking over the situation—if it is necessary to leave Paris, Bordeaux is far from the front and is an open door to Atlantic routes.

The CIQEF, Committee of Quality Industries and French Exporters recently formed is composed of twelve members. Its objective is to preserve the peace industries and continue their development; the export and import of non-war merchandise with Canada, United States, Central and South America and the Scandinavian countries.

"These industries must be preserved, not only in the interests of the prosperity of the country during the war," said M. Jean Depayre, at the Bordeaux City Hall, who is secretary of the organization, "but we must look to the future. After the war the preservation of such industries lessens the danger of economic chaos which may threaten not only warring countries, but all countries—as experienced after the Great War."

France is a country of luxuriant trades and industries. Her exports include the silks and velvets of Lyon, the perfumes of the south, wines, laces, antiques, the potteries and porcelain of Sevres and the famous dressmaking and millinery centers of Paris. In the first days of September representatives of these industries anticipating immediate bombardment of Paris and the necessity of moving elsewhere came to Bordeaux to look over the ground. There is little doubt that at the first real menace of Paris many of these industries will locate here.

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Anthony Fokker succumbed to meningitis after three weeks' illness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP).—Anthony H. G. Fokker, first man in the aeronautical industry to become a millionaire through aviation, died today from pneumonia meningitis. He was forty-nine and had been ill three weeks.

Dr. Robert M. Cushing, his personal physician, said death "came peacefully." Five blood transfusions were made but during the night Fokker sank into a coma and then died.

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KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Dec. 23 (AP).—Known as the "Flying Dutchman," Fokker at an early age was taken to Holland, where his father, retired from business, hoped to provide the boy with a sound technical education. Sent to an engineering school, he quit forthwith because, as he explained, he disagreed with his professors.

Most of the children are Indians. They also flew 800 pounds of express, including ice cream, flowers and films for Christmas moving picture shows to towns there.

At the age of eighteen he had

## City and District

**Car Damaged**—Gerald Hummel, 750 Island Road, reported to police at 11 o'clock yesterday morning that his machine had been struck and damaged at Humboldt and Government streets by another car in charge of Fred Hughes.

**Boy Injured**—Donald Bissett, aged seven, son of Duncan Bissett, 15 Avenue Hill, sustained minor injuries at 11 o'clock yesterday morning when he struck the windshield of his father's car. Mr. Bissett reported that he had to apply the brakes suddenly to avoid an accident at Douglas and Bay streets.

**Cars Collide**—Automobile driven by Miss J. M. Hodges, 178 Esquimalt Road, and Arthur J. Laycock, 3456 Richmond Avenue, collided at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon on Yates Street.

**Car Struck**—An automobile owned by Miss E. Hunter, Mount Tolmie, was extensively damaged at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon while parked on Cormorant Street, near Bishard Street. The machine was struck by another in charge of Fred Neufeldt, 451 Superior Street.

**No Court**—No city police court session will be held until 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

**Foundry, Entered**—H. Ramsay, 1630 State Street, reported to police yesterday that his foundry on Garfield and Wall Roads had been forcibly entered. Nothing was missing.

**Five Fired**—Magistrate Henry C. Hall held court in the office of William L. Ostler, court clerk, yesterday and fined six motorists each \$2.50 for infractions of various parking regulations.

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**Rise in Temperature**—The weather forecast for Victoria and district today promises "moderate northeasterly winds; mostly fair, stationary or a little higher temperature." The minimum temperature recorded yesterday at the Dominion Meteorological Observatory, Gonzales, was 34 degrees, and the maximum, 41. At Victoria College the minimum was also 34, but the maximum 42.

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**State Patrolman**—John Hunter said the accident occurred after he had been warned to watch for the Indian auto, reported to have been operated in an erratic manner. He said the machine passed him going south and ignored his signals to stop. He added that he began pursuing the machine, which "wobbled over the road" while being operated at high speed, and finally overturned in the northbound lane of the highway, directly in front of a machine operated by Lewis.

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# Women's Organizations and Activities

## Elizabethan Music Heard At Empress Yuletide Tea

More Than 450 Guests Throng Cedar-Festooned Hotel Lounge—Singers in Tudor Costume Give Christmas Programme

In a delightful mediaeval setting, with festoons of fragrant cedar hanging between the pillars, and studded with poinsettias, decking the mantelpiece over the great fireplaces at each end of the lounge, more than 450 guests yesterday afternoon enjoyed the first of the Yuletide teas at the Empress Hotel and the programme of carol singing and Tudor music provided by a group of musicians in Elizabethan dress.

The programme began at 3:30. Led by the Seneschal, Major L. Bullock-Webster, an imposing figure in his embroidered robes of office and carrying a staff, the singers made their entry by way of the grand stairway, singing "Here We Come," as they descended to the accompaniment of welcoming applause.

**ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME**  
Accompanied by Mrs. Pierre Timp, the singers were: Mr. Timp, popular baritone, and the Elizabethan quartette, comprising Miss Dorothy Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Townsend and Mr. Dudley Wickett. The numbers included old round-lays, Tudor melodies, folk ballads, Victorian, and Edwardian operetta selections and more modern music. The quartette sang "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "Deck the Halls," "When the Crimsoop Sun," "My Love's an Arbutus," "Morning," "There Is a Lady," "Where My Cara-

"Van Has Rested," "Pala-Pan," "A Child This Day Is Born," "Good King Wenceslas," "Shenandoah," "Morning," "With Jockey to the Fair," "Will You Remember?" and "Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day."

### BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES

As they sang they moved about from one part of the lounge to the other, so that everyone had equal opportunity to enjoy the unaccompanied music, and also see the elaborate costumes. Other numbers in the enjoyable programme were as follows:

Solo, Mr. Timp, "Come Let's Be Merry"; solo, Miss Parsons, "Weave a Kite"; trio, "Yeoman of the Guard"; duet, Wickett, Miss Parsons and Mrs. Townsend; solo, Mr. Wickett, "Tally Ho"; solo, Mrs. Townsend, "My Johann"; solo, Mr. Timp, "While the Foaming Billows Roll"; duet, "John Come Kiss Me Now"; Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Wickett; solo, Miss Parsons, "I've Something Sweet to Tell You"; solo, Mr. Wickett, "Impatience"; trio, "Yeoman of the Guard"; solo, Mr. Timp, "Oh Night, Oh Life"; solo, Mrs. Townsend, "A Tale of Robin Hood"; solo, Mr. Wickett, "Oh No, John"; solo, Miss Parsons, "Sweethearts"; solo, Mr. Timp, "The Minstrel";

The singers made their exit as they had come, to the accompaniment of enthusiastic clapping, which

## Hiking for Health on Vancouver Island



THE recently formed Vancouver Island Hiking for Health Club will hold its first trekking party today at the Alpine Club cabin on the shores of the Lake of the Seven Hills near Sooke, twenty miles from the city. Guests of the club will drive to a point of departure for the woods along the Sooke Road. There will be lunch at the cabin before a blazing log fire; a visit to "Mr. Vickers," custodian of the camp, with possibly a glimpse of his woodland pets, and home before

dark. The club has a three-fold objective. Many Europeans are now living here who are walking, and the club offers them an opportunity to enjoy the delightful Island trails and bypaths that abound near Victoria. It will welcome tourists who want to leave the paved highway and seek adventure in the great outdoors, and it desires to encourage young native Victorians to learn more about nature and the joy of studying plant and animal life. Because of the festive season it was

thought to be a good opportunity to hold the inaugural hike now, and a cordial invitation is extended to all visitors here for Yuletide celebrations to take part in today's ramble.

All those desiring to make the trip are asked to get in touch with C. L. Harrison, president of the club. The above shows members of the club out in the Sooke Range, packs on back, gazing across the tree-clad slopes to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Left to right: Allan Baker, Edith M. Henley, Fred Maurice and C. L. Harrison.

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## Election Is Held by W.A. To Solarium

Mrs. D. J. Mugford was re-elected president of the Solarium W.A. at the meeting held on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. E. O. Archer was re-elected secretary; Mrs. Hudson treasurer, and Mrs. Wise, knitting convenor. Mrs. Kelly was named vice-president, and Mrs. Neelands sewing convenor.

The sum of \$100 was voted to be sent to the board of directors as a contribution toward the general upkeep of the Solarium. It was reported that the sale of novelties in the Public Market had realized the sum of \$37.10, and a vote of appreciation was accorded Mrs. Kelly for this work. The members were gratified to learn that the stool contest had raised \$62.10, the winner being Mrs. Lillian Russell. A letter of appreciation was sent to Mrs. A. B. Hudson, who donated the stool.

Seven tunics, eighteen nighties and four pairs of pyjamas were returned, and it was reported that twenty-six pairs of pyjamas had been cut since the last meeting. Some of these have been distributed for making. The knitting convenor, Mrs. Wise, reported return of twenty-five vests, twelve pairs of bedsocks, four pullovers and nine pairs of pants.

### New Year Party to Be Held at Y.W.C.A.

The new year will be suitably greeted at the Y.W.C.A. on Sunday, December 31, with a programme which begins at 10 p.m. Special music will be provided by a string quartet under the direction of Miss Dorothy Francis, in which the following will play: Patricia Williams, Patricia Strangman, Jean Beckwith and Alice Down. The vocalist for the evening will be Miss Grace Bischell, who will contribute several groups of songs, and pianists will include Miss Audrey Mills and Mr. Robin Wood. Mr. F. Paulding, of the Y.M.C.A., will lead in group singing.

Following the musical programme a buffet supper will be served in the dining-room, under the supervision of Miss Edna Auger, of the Y.W.C.A. staff. The table will be suitably arranged by "Y" club girls, including Miss Dorothy Spencer, Miss Kay Taylor, Miss Mary West and Mrs. W. Carrington.

At 12 midnight favors, noise-makers and other novelties will be distributed among the guests and dancing will welcome the new year.

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Members of the City Hall staff held a Christmas party for children at the K. of P. Hall on Friday night. Samuel Osborne was master of ceremonies, and Thomas Crabb led community singing. A large illuminated Christmas tree, with favors and gifts for the youngsters, was present.

Entertainers included Frank Avery and his one-man band; Diana Kerslake, songs; George Wilson, impersonation of Santa Claus; Frank Merrifield, fife of legendman; Joy Merriman, ventriloquist; Albert Denoni and D. Le Girolamo, piano accordion selections; Mr. Crabb, songs; Raymond Crabb, songs; A. Fraser, monologues; Joseph Good, comedian; Mrs. Chappell, readings, and J. Perry, guitar selections.

### SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Garden City Sunday School was held on Tuesday evening with a large attendance of scholars and parents present. The programme included an instrumental number by Keith Alexander; vocal solo by Alice Lewis; sketches introduced by the primary and junior boys. After Christmas plays were given by the junior girls, entitled a "Christmas Wish" and by the intermediate girls, "Wanted, a Nurse." Miss Jean Kempton acted as accompanist for the plays and Miss Muriel Rudd for the vocal and instrumental solos. After the programme prizes were awarded for regularity and proficiency in Scripture study. Community singing was enjoyed, the hymns having been shown from colored lantern slides. The evening closed with prayer by Rev. William Allan, and

the organist.

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# Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

## Yuletide Wedding Held At St. Mary's Church

Miss Phyllis Dixon and Mr. Nigel Austin Tomlin United in Matrimony — Will Make Their Home Here

The Christmas decorations in St. Mary's Church made a lovely setting for the marriage of Phyllis Muriel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dixon, Cottswold Place, Uplands, and Mr. Nigel Austin Tomlin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tomlin, 1930 Wooley Road, which was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock by Ven. Archdeacon Nunn in the presence of a large congregation. As the bride walked up the aisle with her father, followed by her retinue, she looked charming in a medieval gown of ivory satin, with a short train and long sleeves. Her butterfly veil of finest net fell over her face and was caught over her brow with a cluster of white violets, and she carried a bouquet showered of Ophelia roses and bouvardia.

### THE ATTENDANTS

The bride's sister, Mrs. Hugh Rider, and Miss Marie Carney, in French fuchsia taffeta, and Miss Eileen Pendray and Miss Mildred Jones, in "exotic" lavender, were the bridal attendants. Their bustle-style, floor-length frocks had short puff sleeves and were most attractive. They all wore gold mesh shoods, long white kid gloves and three-strand necklaces of pearls and carried muffs to match their gowns with posies of gardenias and streamers showered with bouvardia attached. Mrs.

... and may we wish you a

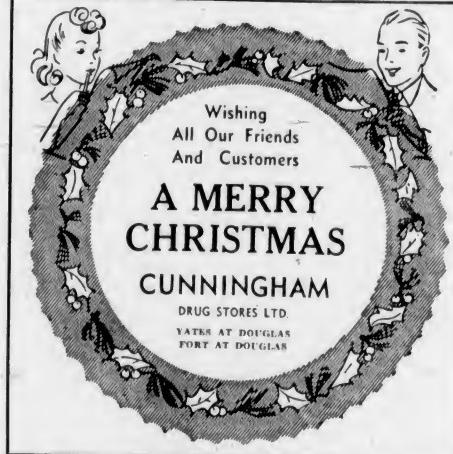


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**The Red Cross Workshop**

## A Golden Wedding Couple



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MR. AND MRS. JAMES DOLPHIN

OF 2664 Cedar Hill Road, will celebrate their golden wedding tomorrow. They were married fifty years ago in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada in 1913, settling in Prince Albert, Sask., where they were in business until 1927, when they came to Victoria. A family reunion banquet will be held at Hotel Douglas tomorrow. Their

with a corsage spray of pink roses, was worn by Mrs. Dixon, and her Queen model hat of plum violet was trimmed with lavender ostrich plume. After their honeymoon trip to an unannounced destination, Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin will return to Victoria to live. The bride went away in a smart military navy blue suit, and a Burgundy wine felt hat trimmed with muskrat, in keeping with the costume blue and wine accessories and a muskrat coat.

further entertainments of the kind to be given.

### MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

The honorary treasurer of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society gratefully acknowledges the following contributions: South Salt Spring Island Red Cross Unit, \$48.80; Sidney and North Saanich Red Cross Unit, \$49.90 (additional contribution); Sooke Red Cross Unit, \$67.

### GORDON HEAD

In aid of the funds of the Gordon Head Red Cross unit, the children of the district will present Douglas Printoff in an interesting showing of motion pictures, in the Gordon Head Hall on Friday, December 29, at 7:30 p.m.

### GUESSING CONTEST

The correct number of the bean-guessing contest at the Red Cross Superfunday Shop was 3,706, the winning guess being 3,711, made by W. C. Todd, St. Charles Street, who won the first prize of a Victor portable radio, which Mr. Todd at once presented to the store to be sold for the Red Cross. The second nearest guess was made by Miss M. Rant, 1202 Government Street, who won a solid silver cigarette box. The third prize was won by Mrs. Reid, R.M.D. 1, a hand-made bedspread.

**RED CROSS PLAYS**

The artistic success realized in the recent production, at the Empire Theatre, of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," has resulted in the announcement by its sponsor, the Victoria Branch of the Red Cross Society, that the Red Cross Players will, for the duration of the war, continue to give entertainments on the island in aid of the same worthy cause. The Shakespearean play was enthusiastically received by the audiences present last Wednesday and Thursday nights, and Carroll Atkins, well known for his Hart House, Toronto, productions, as well as for his Naramata, B.C., plays, and Mme. Kranstoever, Swiss theatrical designer, who was responsible for the attractive costumes, have again proffered their services for any

On Sunday evening, December 31, New Year's Eve, the Christ Church Cathedral bells will be rung and broadcast at 11:30 o'clock, when the old year will be rung out with a muffled peal.

Just before midnight the Nine Tolls will be tolled on the large tenor bell, George V, to signify the passing of the old year. One minute later, twelve strokes will be rung at midnight, and immediately after the twelfth blow, the peal of eight will be rung, unmuffled, to welcome the new year.

The following by Longfellow, referred indirectly to a similar peal to that which will be rung here:

And in despair I bowed my head,  
There is no peace on earth.

"For hate is strong  
And mars the song

Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep.  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;

The wrong shall fail,

The Right prevail

With Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

### Junior W.A. Coffee Party Is Arranged

The coffee party held annually on Boxing Day by the Junior Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Hospital will take place on Tuesday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the lower lounge of the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Betty Jones, the convener, and a committee composed of Mrs. Tom Woolson and Misses Veronica Neary, Monica Robbins, Mary Hood and Lillian Wood, will be in charge.

It is expected that a large number of guests will gather for the party prior to attending the McKechnie Cup game at McDonald Park.

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## Social and Personal

### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Temple, 44 Constance Avenue, will celebrate their silver wedding today and will be "at home" to their friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Mr. Temple was born in Nottingham, England, in 1887, and married Miss Mary Henry, who was born in the same year in Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire, the wedding taking place in Preston, Lancs., on December 24, 1914. They came to Canada, spending a short time in Halifax, and moved to Victoria seventeen years ago. Mr. Temple has had thirty-two years service in the Navy, first with the Royal Navy, serving in the submarines for twelve years, and then with the Royal Canadian Navy, retiring on pension in August, 1938. It was when he was serving in the submarine E-19 in the Baltic Sea that the submarine sank five ships in one day, a record during the Great War. He has the 1914 Service Star, the medal for general service and Victory, King George Jubilee, long service and good conduct medal, the Italian medal of 1908, the time of the Messina earthquake, and the Russian medal of St. Stanislaus, given during the Great War. He is an executive member of the Naval Veterans' Association and the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. Mrs. Temple is president of the Esquimalt Catholic Women's League.

**shower recently when they entertained in honor of Miss June Isaacs Southam, who is to be married shortly. The gift was presented with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations. The gifts were concealed in a prettily-decorated clothes basket trimmed with Christmas decorations, as also were the rooms. A decorative tree held the place of honor. Games were won by Mrs. G. Florence, Miss J. Mair and Miss M. Newman. A buffet supper was served. The guests were Mesdames J. Mercer, W. Davidson, G. Florence, E. Haikala, L. Fox and Misses L. Mess, R. Kirkendale, J. Mair, M. Newman, N. Booth, A. Davidson, L. Waters, T. Myers, D. Turney and J. Southam.**

**Party at Supper Dance**

In compliment to Miss Betty Mae Cameron, who has come up from Mills College, Berkeley, Cal., to spend the Christmas holidays here, and for Mr. William ("Bill") Cameron, her brother, who is leaving on Boxing Day to take a position in San Francisco, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cameron, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron, entertained with a special party at the supper dance at the Empress Hotel last night. The entire party, numbering about fifty guests, occupied one large table in the ballroom, the decorations carrying out the Christmas motif. Miss Betty Mae Cameron will return to Mills College early in the new year.

**Party for Miss Southam**

Mrs. June Southam was the guest of honor on Thursday evening, when several friends gathered at the home of Miss Rae Kirkendale, 648 Dallas Street. Mrs. Ian McCullum and Louis Pat Barr, Oliver French and Louise McBride presided at the tea-table and assisting in serving were Misses Elmore Denion, Rita Millhouse, Bette Southern and Barbara Kemp. Other guests included Mrs. F. Jordan, Misses Frances Dobie, Shirley Boston, Louise Preston, Louise Eaton, Eileen Wills, "Bobbie" Alexander, Pat Pendray, Joan Duncan, Jessie McDowell, Faith Sinclair, Barbara Morris, Miriam Steer, Marjorie Barn, Mairi Speck, Mairi Munro, Pat Williams, Beverly Armstrong, Lorraine Saul, Barbara Kemp, Rita Williams, Gloria Horford, Betty Lou Horton, Pamela McConan, Grace Stuart, Norene Fricker, Betty Ann McCarter, Julia Kent Jones, Brenda Woodward, Daphne Murray, Phyllis Harwood, Kay Rau, Myra Batchelor, Shirley Noel, Jean Sinclair, Barbara Smith, Betty Girdwood, Louise McBride, Laura Bapty, Nancy Asseline, Marjorie Delf, Bette Southern and Edna Bell.

**Holiday at Tea**

Miss Beverly Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, 448 Quebec Street, entertained on Friday afternoon in the tea hour in the lounge of the Empress Hotel. Misses Bette Southern and Betty French presided at the tea-table and coffee urns and Misses Mairi Speck and Elizabeth McGregor assisted in serving. The tea table was centred with a large bowl of mistletoe and button chrysanthemums. The guests included Misses Mairi Speck, Brenda Woodward, Bette Southern, Betsy Lou Horton, Nancy Asseline, Gwen Turner, Louise Eaton, Barbara Smith, Betty Girdwood, Jean Ray, Peggy Laughlin, Betty Francis, Frances Cullin, Marjorie Timberlake, Laura Bapty, Kay Rau and Genevieve Yool.

**Kitchen Shower**

Mrs. R. Mercer and Mrs. E. Myers were hostess at a kitchen shower recently. The guests included Misses Mairi Speck, Brenda Woodward, Bette Southern, Betsy Lou Horton, Nancy Asseline, Gwen Turner, Louise Eaton, Barbara Smith, Betty Girdwood, Jean Ray, Peggy Laughlin, Betty Francis, Frances Cullin, Marjorie Timberlake, Laura Bapty, Kay Rau and Genevieve Yool.

**From Vermilion**

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill Diamond and their baby daughter have arrived from Vermilion, Alberta, to

spend Christmas with Mrs. Hill Diamond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Haskett, 150 Barkley Street.

**From Beilington**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter DeLong, from Beilington, have come to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. DeLong's father and sister, Mr. G. R. Chisholm and Miss Ida Chisholm, Oak Bay Avenue.

**Here From East**

Mr. Robert M. Jameson arrived home yesterday from Eastern Canada and will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. J. Jameson, the Uplands.

**Is Visiting City**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boultbee, of Acadia Valley, Alberta, have arrived in the city to spend the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding today. They were married at St. James Church, Hereford, England. Two sons reside in Victoria, where Mr. and Mrs. Boultbee will be staying during the Christmas festivities. Mr. W. B. Boultbee, Dalhousie Street and Mr. C. F. Boultbee, Monterey Avenue, and Lynn Mass.

**Arriving Today**

Miss Elaine Adam is arriving from Vancouver today to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. James Adam, Richardson Street.

**From San Francisco**

Mr. Samuel W. Sloan, San Francisco, is staying at the Empress Hotel during the holidays and renewing old friendships in the city.

**At James Bay Hotel**

Mr. and Mrs. B. Barclay Hunton, of Cobble Hill, are spending the Christmas season at the James Bay Hotel.

**Visiting in Calgary**

Miss Joy Nixon, Arnold Street, is spending the holiday season with friends in Calgary.

**At Harrison**

Dr. Eric S. Powles, Victoria, is staying at Harrison Hot Springs and is guest at Hot Springs Hotel.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

MILLER-LAMBRECK

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lambreck, Victoria, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Elizabeth Eleanor, to Mr. Douglas James Miller, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miller, Victoria. The wedding will take place at St. Aidan's United Church on January 6 at 8:30 p.m.

**PLAYING SAFE**

A bachelor was asked by a sentimental girl why he did not avail himself of some sweet woman's company.

**Witty Kitty**

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Photo by G. L. Thompson

Mrs. D. J. Mugford, Who Was Re-elected President of the Queen Alexandra Solarium Women's Auxiliary at a Recent Meeting

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## PERSONAL ITEMS and SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

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More than 200 members of the No. 11 Detachment, R.C.O.C.; No. 5 Army Field Workshop, R.C.O.C., and No. 11 Stores Section, R.C.O.C., and their wives enjoyed a Christmas party for ninety-three children in the Ordnance Depot, Esquimalt, on Friday afternoon.

Each child received a present and a bag of candy from Santa Claus, and refreshments were served later under the direction of Sergeant S. E. Western.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. Goodman was master of ceremonies, and Sub-Conductor Ralph Primos led community singing. Little Miss Margolin sang, and Helen and Shirley Anne Bennett, daughters of Captain James Bennett, director and arranger of the party, gave a tap dance. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary R. Milton.

Sergeant Reginald Ralph and Lance-Corporal W. R. Read performed a tumbling act, and William Harkness presented feats of magic. Lieutenant A. D. Clelland's cat, "Tibby," was featured in many tricks.

The role of Santa Claus was taken by Lance-Corporal D. R. Creech, and two clowns who aided him in the distribution of toys were Corporal F. W. Goodman and Corporal J. A. D. Filion. Len Acres was accompanist, and in the evening the older folks were entertained at a dance.

### At the Hotels

#### BEVERLEY

Mrs. T. H. Peter, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Garren, Ganges; Mr. and Mrs. D. Lasseter, Fulford Harbor; Mrs. E. M. Pearson, Angus; Mrs. D. Mitchell, Parksville; J. Armstrong, Sidney; M. A. Jones, Shawnigan; Mrs. A. Harris, Youbou; Mr. and Mrs. Jellymore, Malahat; H. P. Combs, S. Bollenger, E. Yarrow, Qualicum Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Loomer,



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### I.O.D.E. Activities

#### Allies Chapter

The Allies Chapter, I.O.D.E., held its monthly meeting in the Guide and Scout Hall, Sidney. The chapter has distributed eight copies of the pamphlet, "Canada Within the Empire," to Sidney and North Saanich schools and schools of outlying districts. Fifteen calendars have been sent to Sidney, North Saanich, Deep Cove, and outlying school, and to the Guide and Scout Hall. Canadian and National Geographic subscriptions will be continued to local schools. Each member of the chapter is asked to bring at least one good book for the camp library. Four Christmas parcels have been sent to local boys now on active service overseas. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. L. Goddard for donating property to Guide and Scout Troops. Also Mr. Alan Baker was given a vote of appreciation for legal assistance given to the chapter. Mrs. C. C. Cochran donated a stamp and cover for the standard. Guide and Brownie Packs were inspected recently by the district commissioner.

### Anglican Young People

#### ST. JOHN'S (DUNCAN)

DUNCAN, Dec. 23.—On Wednesday evening twenty-three members attended a meeting of St. John's (Duncan) Branch of the A.Y.P.A. in the parish hall. The meeting was opened by the president, Miss Eileen Langlois. The evening was in charge of Miss Patricia Dwyer. All the toys collected and repaired during the past few weeks for the Christmas Cheer hamper were packed for distribution. Through the kindness of Mrs. H. T. Archbold the members enjoyed refreshments at the end of the evening. Mr. E. G. Mortimore expressed the thanks of the branch to her for kindness. The next meeting will take the form of a New Year's party to be held January 3.

### Going Back Home For the New Year

PELHAM MANOR, N.Y., Dec. 23.—When they examine their stockings Christmas morning, Helen, six, and John Michael Halford, four, English children sent here in September as war refugees, will find two Clipper plane tickets to take them back to their parents in time for New Year's.

When air raids were feared, the parents sent the children to their aunt, Mrs. H. Llewellyn Roberts, for the duration of the war.

The air raids haven't materialized, so the children will leave Port Washington on Thursday for Lisbon, Portugal, where their mother will meet them.

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dience, the culprit was forced to wear this brand for the length of his sentence, returning for reappearances, if necessary, so that all who saw him would know him for a dangerous character.

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## MESSAGES TO HOME FOLKS

Navy, Army and Air Force Leaders Send Greetings To Empire

**LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP)**—Christmas messages from Viscount Gort, commander-in-chief of the British field forces; Admiral Sir Charles Forbes, commander-in-chief of the Home Fleet, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, chief of the air staff, were issued here today.

Lord Gort said:

"Once more within the memory of man has a British expeditionary field force is standing Christmas in France, and once again, under the leadership of a great soldier of France, the Allied armies stand united to resist aggression."

"In the year that lies ahead, difficulties and dangers will undoubtedly arise, as they have done in the wars of the past, but they will be surmounted, owing on the one hand to the close understanding which today exists between the French nation and ourselves, and on the other hand to the knowledge that your thoughts are with us at all times, whether the weather be fair or foul."

"In whatever part of the Empire you may dwell, I extend to you all cordial good wishes for Christmas and New Year."

**ADMIRAL FORBES**

Admiral Forbes said: "Men and women of our home country and Empire, the officers and men of the fleet I command send you their best wishes for Christmas."

"Together with the other officers and men of the Royal and Dominion navies, our comrades in the army and Royal Air Force, and our gallant French and Polish Allies, we are denying the use of the ocean highways to the enemy and keeping them open for our merchantmen, merchant shipping and fishing fleet so that they can maintain supplies which are essential to our existence and which, with your help, will enable us to win this war against a ruthless and unscrupulous enemy."

"Such a task is not spectacular, but it is the essence of our history and the foundation on which our Empire has been built. To those who have lost their loved ones in this struggle, we offer our sympathy, but we believe their consolation will be the knowledge that those who died were doing their duty in the service of their country and in a righteous cause."

"There is no easy road to victory, but, confident in the assurance of your support, I ask you to believe that we who go down to the sea in ships shall not fail in our task during the year that lies ahead."

**AIR MARSHAL NEWALL**

Air Chief Marshal Newall said: "Times are changed this year, but not the spirit of Christianity nor the traditions of the Royal Air Force, who, with vigilance and determination, are constant in service in defense of the Empire."

"Whether they may be, members of the Royal Air Force are united this Christmas in one aim, confident of victory."

**GREETING FROM FRANCE**

**PARIS, Dec. 23 (CP-Hava)**—The following Christmas message was sent today to the British forces by General Gamelin, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces on the Western Front:

"Soldiers of the British Empire and particularly you who are serving in France under Lord Gort, I send you very warm Christmas greetings from your comrades of the French armies."

"This festival stands for the future, and our effort in this war is creating the future. That future will be what we all mean it to be, for the courage of our men is unconquerable."

## ADVENT OF CHRIST TO BE CELEBRATED

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will be given by Bishop H. E. Sexton.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

On Christmas Day at St. John's Church there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m., at which the following music will be given: "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "While Shepherds Watched," "The Venite," "Te Deum," "Benedictus," "Kyrie," "Sanctus," and "Gloria." Rev. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick will give a brief Christmas message.

**ST. MARY'S, OAK BAY**

The following services will be held at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, during the Christmas season. On Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6:45 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and at 12 noon. Matins and sermon will be at 11 a.m., when the rector, Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn, will preach. The anthem, "On This the Christmas Morn" (Job), will be sung.

On Tuesday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 a.m.; on Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist Day, at 8 a.m., and on Thursday, The Innocents' Day, at 10:30 a.m.

**ST. SAVIOUR'S**

Christmas Day services at St. Saviour's Church, Rev. F. Vernon Venables, rector, will be: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Choral Eucharist and sermon, with processional and anthem, 11 a.m. The anthem, "They Were Shepherds," has Joseph and James Richards as the soloists.

On Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Sunday school tree and programme will be held.

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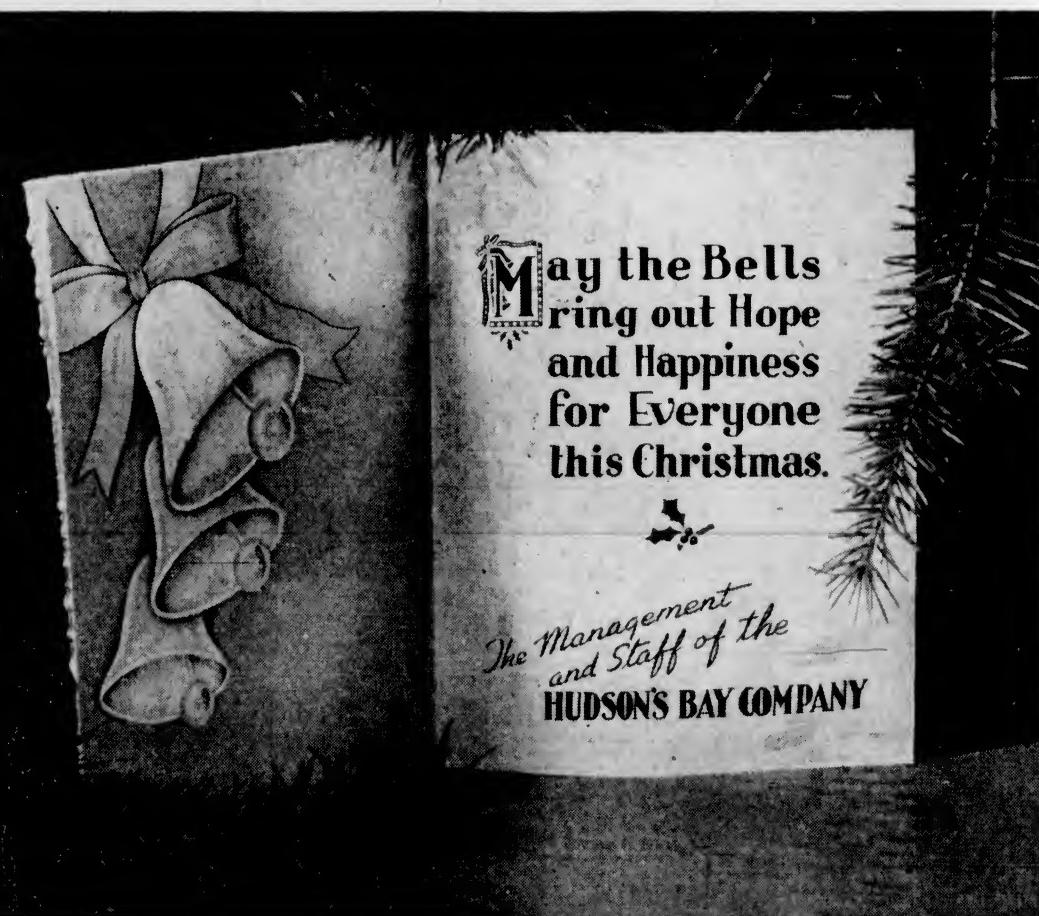
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Premier Patullo, who will spend part of Christmas Day in company with his grandchildren, received a constant stream of callers during the morning; as did Hon. J. W. Aspinwall, Hon. Dr. K. C. MacDonald, and other ministers in the city. Most of the Cabinet, however, were in their home ridings, to spend the holiday there.

Skeleton staffs worked in most departments until noon, when, in company with other provincial offices throughout the province, the Legislative Buildings closed, until Wednesday morning.

The fine, dry weather, with a truce of cold in the air, drew many to skiing grounds and points far removed from the city, where December roads still budded out in the beds of the Legislative grounds and in private gardens on one of the brightest days of the year.

**CHRISTMAS TRADE MAKES A RECORD**

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even at a late hour there was a steady stream through the post office.

The "Don't Open Until Christmas" injunction evidently was not strictly observed, for part of yesterday's business was connected with the exchange of articles which had proved unsuitable. Most city retailers were accommodating in this respect, and by their courtesy contributed much to the satisfaction that will be felt by recipients of gifts tomorrow.

There was an atmosphere of Yuletide gaiety in the city yester-

## Plays Queenly Role



Jessica Tandy, star of London's West End and New York's Broadway, will play the role of Queen Henrietta Maria opposite Barry Jones in Maurice Colbourne's "Charles the King" at the Royal Victoria on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26.

day. Shoppers were glad to have their seasonal purchases almost completed, and store clerks who were beginning to have nightmares of serving endless streams of people for eternity, realized that at least the three-day holiday was only a few hours away. There were cheerful cries of "Merry Christmas!" as lights were switched off and doors closed on the backs of the last-minute purchasers.

A few convivial souls began their celebrating a little ahead of time.

"Waiter, will the orchestra play anything requested?"

"Oh, yes, sir."



## DEATH TAKES LEADERS OF MANY LANDS

Pope, King, Princess, Dictator and Premier Among Great in Records

### LIST INCLUDES MEN OF NOTE IN WORLD

By The Canadian Press  
Death removed a large number of outstanding world figures during 1939, among them Pope Pius XI, King Ghazi of Iraq, and several governmental leaders, including Premier J. A. Lyons of Australia.

While the king died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident, a dictator died by his own hand, the Rumanian Premier was assassinated and the career of the man who once was known as "the only honest war lord in China" ended under questionable circumstances.

Long illness prepared the world somewhat for the death of Pope Pius on February 10. He was eighty-one and had led the Roman Catholic Church for seventeen years. Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, the Vatican Secretary of State, was elected to succeed and chose the name of Pius XII.

Shortly after King Ghazi's death at Baghdad, his three-year-old son Feisal was named successor to the throne of Iraq.

Armand Calinescu, Premier of Rumania, was assassinated in the early days of the war. The crime was fastened on members of the Iron Guard, sympathetic with Nazi Germany, and wholesale executions followed. Estimates of the number of guards put to death ran from 200 to 2,000.

#### IRON RULER DEAD

Colonel German Busch, who ruled Bolivia with a hand of steel for two years, was the dictator who ended his own life. He shot himself through the head and the official explanation was that he had been mentally depressed by overwork. Dynamic and thirty-five, he maintained only death would remove him from office.

Wu Pei Fu, Chinese military power, died December 5, of what was described as an infected tooth. The Japanese invaders of China long sought his support in forming a puppet government. It was said he steadfastly refused.

Sir Roger Backhouse, Admiral of the Fleet, died a few weeks before Britain went to war.

A heavy toll occurred elsewhere among leaders and former leaders of governments. Among them were Henri Jasper, former Premier of Belgium, Dr. Miron Cross, Prime Minister of Rumania, who died before Calinescu; Premier Lyons, of Australia, was fifty-nine when he died April 6 at Sydney, N.S.W.

Hon. Fernand Rhinfré, Canadian Secretary of State, suffered fatal heart attack at Los Angeles. He was fifty-nine and a native of Montreal. A former newspaperman, he first entered the House of Commons in 1920. Sir Philip Sassoon, British First Commissioner of Works, died at fifty-nine and the United States lost its Secretary of the Navy, Claude Swanson.

#### FORMERLY OF OTTAWA

The Marchioness of Aberdeen and the Princess Louise, Duchesses of Argyll, each a former chancery at Ottawa's Government House, died within a few months of each other. Princess Louise, who was ninety-one, and the eldest of Queen Victoria's three surviving children, died December 3. She was at Rideau Hall when her husband, the Marquess of Lorne was Governor-General of Canada, 1878-1883. Lady Aberdeen, who died April 4, was in Ottawa at the turn of the century when the Marquess of Aberdeen was Governor-General.

The Canadian dookhobors lost their leader in February in the death of Peter Petrovitch Verigin. He was fifty-three.

Death killed the pens of such internationally known writers as Havelock Ellis, William Butler Yeats and Ford Madox Ford.

Medicine lost Dr. William J. Mayo, seventy-eight, one of the brother-founders of the clinic at Rochester, Minn., that bears their name. Commerce lost Sir Henri Deterding, sixty-two, Dutch-born oil magnate. Baseball lost Jacob "Jake" Ruppert, owner of the almost-fabulous New York Yankees. Ed J. Louis Comiskey, owner of Chicago White Sox.

#### ALL TOO BUSY FOR WAR-SWORD MAKING

DUBLIN, Dec. 23 (CP)—The war worked hardships on formal ceremonies during commissioning of fifty-five Irish army officers at the Curragh. They were invested without the customary swords because supplies of decorative swords cannot be obtained from Germany and British makers are too busy to take the order. Efforts are being made to supply the deficiency.

#### COSTLY PAMPHLETS

CALGARY, Dec. 23 (CP)—John Dewever, convicted of distributing pamphlets likely to cause disaffection among His Majesty's Forces, was fined \$150 and costs of three months in jail with hard labor, by Magistrate D. C. Sinclair, in police court here yesterday.

### Some Late War Cartoons



"IS THAT YOU, PAUL?" — From Ric et Rac, Paris.



"HELP!!" — From News of the World, London.



"WHAT IS ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU BIG BULLY!" — From The Glasgow Record.



"WHAT A MUG IS ADOLF! STANZ" — From The Glasgow Record.



"NOBODY LOVES ME!" — From News of the World.

— Thomas in The Detroit News.

One United States View of the War on the Western Front.

## Great War Legend Describes "Visit" Of Pope to Front

Graphic Account of Pontiff's Supposed Journey To Battle Zone in October, 1917, Given in Van Paassen's Book and Reprinted as Christmas Story for Colonist Readers

(This story from the Great War, strikingly appropriate at the first Christmastide of the new Europe, is taken from the book of Pierre Van Paassen, "Days of Our Years," by special permission of the publishers, Hillman-Curl, Inc., New York City.)

BY PIERRE VAN PAASSEN

(Reprinted by North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.)

THREE priests, one of them a frail elderly man, who leaned heavily on a walking stick, were seen to alight from a taxi-cab in front of the Gare de l'Est shortly before 5 o'clock. (Paris, October, 1917.) Passing rapidly inside, they made their way through the vast waiting rooms filled with soldiers, to the platform of the Swiss Express. There, ushered in by a military station master to whom they showed their passes, they entered a reserved compartment in the small first-class section. They had scarcely gained their seats when the train began to move, and the locomotive, belching thick smoke, slowly picked up speed.

It was an ordinary leave train, one of the many carrying men to and from the area of operations, up of the receding face and sank back upon his seat, sobbing like a child. In Chaumont the three clergymen alighted. It was pitch-dark by now. The steel-shod toes of the soldiers stumbled against the rail, as they crossed the tracks, and clattered with a heraldic tramp towards the exits where military police officials verified their papers by the light of small oil lamps which they carried suspended from a button on their greatcoats. The priests were met by a staff officer who saluted gravely as he held the door of a mud-spattered limousine open for them; as soon as they had stepped inside, the car swerved into the cobble street, sped through the old town, and in a few minutes was ploughing through the mire of a rural road.

The elderly prelate was extremely short of stature. His feet, shod in the rough leather brogues with metal clasp of the simple Roman parish priest, scarcely touched the carriage floor. A startling pallor, the hue of yellow alabaster, overshot his fine symmetrical face. The blanched skin accentuated the expressiveness of his black luminous eyes. His hands lay quietly on the breviary in his lap, but from time to time his thin transparent fingers would attempt to restore circulation in his hands, for the train was unheated and the chill dampness entered through the cracks of the ill-fitting doors and windows. The old man seemed to be suffering from a cold, for he coughed incessantly; a dry, hacking cough that brought him but small relief.

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FAR INTO THE NIGHT

Far away to the right the travellers could see an occasional flash in the sky, as of a Summer night's sheet lightning, and when the car was halted for the first time at a crossing by a patrol of helmeted men who demanded to see their laissez-passer, a sustained rumble as that of rolling thunder, drifted over to them from the east. In an hour they passed through Domremy-aux-Pucelles, the birthplace of Joan of Arc, and through the town of Vaucouleurs. Then turning to the right, the car entered a highway where progress was much slower because of a long procession of munition-laden trucks, end-to-end files of men tramping up to the front and equally long caravans of ambulances moving back to the rear.

Just outside the city of Conflans, the limousine came to a halt before a small chateau where the corps commander had his headquarters.

Accompanied by his entire staff, the general had come outside the Cour d'Honneur to welcome the three clerical visitors. But the old priest graciously declined to partake of the dinner which had been prepared for him and asked permission to retire to his room.

One of his companions remained downstairs to make arrangements for a visit to the front line.

In Troyes the train moved into a siding. Outside on the concrete platform could be heard the metallic clatter of soldiers' boots. Although the end of the voyage had not been reached, the men were leaving the carriages to refresh themselves at the open-air buffets, where, on long tables stood steaming containers of coffee served by women in nurses' uniforms. When they had stood still for about an hour, one of the two younger priests left the compartment, saying that he would inquire as to the cause of the delay. He returned presently to announce that the right of way was being kept clear for a hospital train coming back from the battlefield in Champagne...

Soon a heavy rumble could be heard in the distance, the hissing bulk of an engine suddenly darkened the carriage window, and the reflection of the flames in a locomotive's open furnace threw fantastic dancing shapes of liquid red on the compartments' wall. Other coaches, until, lumbered slowly by until, with a grating and creaking of brakes, the hospital train came to standstill.

The railway station and the animated scene in front of the canteens were now hidden completely from the view of the clerical travelers.

A YOUNG SOLDIER

Except for the labored breathing of the old man, it was silent in the compartment. Suddenly a light was switched on in the train on the adjoining track. What the tall young priest saw in the illuminated compartment, which almost touched one wherein they were traveling, caused him to rise hastily. He stepped on the seat and tried to distract the curtain from the roof in order to lower them. But the rusty rings would not slip freely and he fumbled with the green cloth. While the younger priest was also occupied, the gaze of his aged companion turned slowly toward the lighted window. He sat up with a start and his breath stopped short as he bent forward, his covers falling from his knees.

Quite near, so that he could have touched him, had not the two windows separated them, sat a young soldier. A white-uniformed orderly was placing a cigarette between the soldier's lips and held up a burning match. The old priest rose from his seat. He placed his hands on the pane. He saw that the young man's arms, but two short stumps remained, and these were wrapped in bandages which showed dark spots on the extremities.

CHOKING WITH TEARS

"Domine, domine misere, miserere," he whispered. His voice was husky and choking with tears. But the spectacle held him spellbound with its silent horror. He pressed his forehead against the pane as if he wanted to break it. Slowly the young man's face in the other carriage turned towards the window. The old priest gasped and wanted to step back. But the wounded soldier had seen him. He peered at the shape he had discerned in the semi-obscure and brought his face still nearer. Then he smiled and nodded his head in friendly fashion at the old prelate. The two men looked straight into each other's eyes. At that moment the hospital train began to move imperceptibly, and with every heartbeat the distance between

THE SCENE CHANGES

Through the communication trench the party reached the second-line defences. Here the scene changed: the soldiers stood slowly ranged against the wall, bayoneted. Officers were pacing to and fro in front of the ranks, their gas-masks open and revolvers protruding from their holsters. A colonel came forward to greet the corps commandant and the two men had



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But he held high the Cross of the Redeemer.

The German soldiers were now running out of the trenches. "Der Papell! Der heilige vater!" they were calling. The Bretons were climbing the parapets too, following the Pope into no man's land. All along the line men were lifting and pulling each other onto the parapets—into the open, into the fire of early morn.

THY KINGDOM COME

"The war is over," cried the Pope in French and in German. "La guerre est finie!" "Der krieg ist beendigt!" "I declare peace, peace on earth for all, for everyone, in the name of Jesus Christ!"

Men were kneeling at his feet, Germans, Frenchmen, officers, soldiers. They sobbed and kissed the tatters of his torn cassock. The Pope stood in their midst, his face lifted to the sun.

"Pater noster," intoned the holy father . . . and again, "Pater noster . . . harken, be Thy name."

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BOYS STARTING NEW ADVENTURE

Refugees From Poland Begin Life Anew in a Foreign Land

SOMLOZOLLOS, Hungary, Dec. 23 (CP).—Within the dank walls of an old castle on the muddy outskirts of this village is one of the strangest Boy Scout camps in history—an encampment of eighty-nine youngsters who have no homes, no families—and no country.

Poland was their country. Each boy has his story of personal tragedy. Each climbs over mountain passes to friendly Hungary a few hours ahead of German or Russian armies last September.

These boys found common inspiration in the fact they had been Boy Scouts scattered in a score of semi-internment camps, they petitioned the Hungarian Government to collect all refugee Boy Scouts in one shelter where they might study and build something out of their youth.

The Government, headed by Premier Paul Toloki, a veteran Boy Scout executive, was sympathetic, and finally the hamlet of Somlozollos, which held title to an abandoned castle, offered it to the boys.

LIVING IN CASTLE

Living in the bare, ramshackle castle was like living in the wilderness at first, but the boys turned to and used all their Scout arts to make it habitable.

Youngest of the boys were a dozen twelve-year-olds, most of whom had lost their parents in the war. A number of boys in their teens actually had carried rifles in September, doing guard duty. One smiling, tow-haired lad was dubbed "little hero." Not quite fourteen yet, he has been serving at the front.

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# INTER-CITY RUGBY AND SOCCER HERE BOXING DAY

## RUGBY SQUADS TO FIGHT FOR TOP POSITION

Victoria and Vancouver Fifteens Will Meet in McKechnie Cup Battle

With first place in the 1939-40 McKechnie Cup race as the spoils of victory, Victoria and Vancouver Rugby Fifteens will meet Tuesday afternoon at Macdonald Park in the most crucial battle of the series for possession of the coveted "mug." The kick-off is set for 2:30 o'clock.

Mainlanders and Locals are sharing top berth in the championship battle, and the winner of the Boxing Day match will take over undisputed occupation of the premier position. Vancouver defeated Varsity, 15-5, in the season's opener, and then Victoria eked out a 9-8 triumph over a greatly strengthened Thunderbirds' fifteen.

Vancouver has followed the steps set by Victoria in using younger players, and the squad playing here on Tuesday is one of the youngest to ever wear the white sweaters of the Mainland "rep" team. The lads from the Terminal City have not forgotten the 14-3 drubbing Victoria gave them last season to win the McKechnie Cup, and word from Vancouver states that they intend to avenge that setback in Tuesday's game at Macdonald Park.

### VANCOUVER STRONG

Wally Brynjolfson, coach of the local team, is quite pleased with his protégés and feel they will finish on the long end of the score. However, Mr. Brynjolfson does admit that the Vancouver squad will be hard to beat, and will make the Victoria boys go "all out" to take the verdict.

Victoria Rugby enthusiasts are displaying considerable interest in the holiday attraction, and present indications point to the large grandstand at Macdonald Park being well filled before kick-off time. More than 1,000 witnessed the teams in action last year, but Victoria Rugby Union officials look for an even bigger turnout for Tuesday's crucial match.

Victoria line-up follows: Ian Acalan, Joe Andrews, Bob Mair, Frank Doherty, Cyril Doherty, Bert Simpson, Campbell Forbes, Bill Gornall, George Langdon, Bill Smith, Brent Fritz, Queen's, defeated some of the best runners in the United States. When the women's championships came up, Jeannette Dawson, of Toronto, was as brilliantly as ever to the sprint title.

### WINNICE ICE TITLE

Trail Smoke Eaters captured the world amateur hockey championship in a tournament at Basel, Switzerland, and Port Arthur Bear Cats qualified to go to the doomed Olympics by taking the Dominion senior amateur prize. The Allan Cup, Oshawa Generals were led to the junior championship by Billy Taylor, who immediately graduated to Toronto Maple Leafs of the Ontario Baseball Association.

English schoolboys and schoolgirls toured Canada to play cricket.

### Claire Trevor Is Seriously Stricken

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23 (AP)—Screen actress Claire Trevor was reported critically ill tonight in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Nature of her illness has not been determined, said her physician, Dr. Conrad Baumann. Her temperature was 105 degrees. She was stricken last Sunday at her Bel-Air home and taken to the hospital two days later.

The New York City actress' husband, Clark Andrew, radio producer, has remained at her bedside. He said strain from overwork induced the illness.

### WALTER WICKSON DIES IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23 (CP)—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Walter Wickson, who died suddenly on Friday. He was sixty-four years old.

Mr. Wickson was born in Windsor, Ont., and moved to Winnipeg with his father, where he became well known in financial and athletic circles.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter and one son.

Charles Wickson, of Victoria, is another of the Henkel's crew.

### SCORES EASY WIN IN CAGE FIXTURE

STONINGTON, Conn. Dec. 23 (AP)—Westerly, R.I., High School's basketball team had to know what's all the fuss about point-a-minute teams. Westerly beat St. Paul's, 158-12, rate of almost five points a minute in a thirty-two-minute game.

Jug McSpaden, of Winchester, Mass., took the Canadian open golf championship at Saint John, N.B., met at 445 pounds.

### BAXTER WINS

LaVerne Baxter, Hollywood, won an odd-fall decision over Leonardo Garcia, former United States Navy welterweight boxer, in the first half of the double bill. The match was devoid of the fine wrestling presented in the final bout, with both contestants handing out plenty of rough treatment. Garcia took the first fall in the second round and Baxter gained falls in the third and fourth sessions. Garcia weighed 215 pounds and Baxter 220 pounds.

In the special event, Reg Hopkins defeated Mohan Singh, when he gained the only fall in the final round. They wrestled at 150 pounds. George Lowe won a one-fall verdict over Bill Steen in the opener. They met at 445 pounds.

## On Victoria Line-Up for McKechnie Cup Fixture



## Coast Aggregations Canadian Winners During the Season

**Dominoes, Radials and New Westminster Capture National Titles During Year—Ken Black Adds To List by Winning Dominion Golf Crown —Track Championships Are Not Held**

## RANKED NO. 1 FOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

Pete Scalzo Is Voted Top Challenger for Joey Archibald's Crown

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23 (CP)—Douglas McMahon topped the headlines on the sport pages of the United Kingdom's newspapers today. The twenty-two-year-old Winnipeg footballer turned in the best individual performance of the season to date for scoring six of Chester's goals in the Westerners' 8-1 victory over Stockport.

The Canadian's spectacular performance was particularly encouraging to Major Buckley, Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, who was impressed with his ability from the moment of his first trial in England last season. McMahon played most of last year with the Wanderers' second string and has been loaned to Chester for the current regional competition.

Scalzo, the New Yorker who flattened Joey Archibald last winter, won the nod as No. 1 challenger for Joey's featherweight crown by whipping Simon Chavez rugged Venezuelan, in New York, Friday night.

Jenkins, a youngster from Sweetwater, Texas, who flattened Wimipeg's Bill Marquart recently, moved up to No. 4 among lightweights.

Tiger Terry Warrington, of Liverpool, N.S., was the only Canadian receiving ranking, getting ninth among the light-heavies. Marquart received honorable mention among the lightweight division. Dave Castilleaux, of Montreal, Maxie Berger, of Montreal, was given honorable mention among the welterweights, and Johnny Guadet of Winnipeg, got honorable mention among the bantamweights.

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# RANGERS AND LEAFS WIN NATIONAL ICE GAMES

## Patrick's Squad In Easy Triumph Over the Hawks

Shibicky and Hextall Score Twice as New York Trims Chicago, 7-1—Lynn and Muzz Patrick Figure in Scoring—Pep Kelly Gets Three Points as Toronto Gains Victory, 5-1

**NEW YORK.** Dec. 23 (AP)—Scoring four times in the first period, the New York Rangers coasted to a 7-1 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks in a listless National League game tonight, running their undefeated streak to eleven straight. The victory kept the Rangers two points behind Toronto and Boston in third place.

Eleven Rangers shared in the sixteen points picked up during the game, with Bryan Hextall and Alex Shibicky heading the individual goal-scorers with two apiece. Shiblycky also had an assist.

**Line-Ups**

**Rangers**—Kerr; Heller, Pratt; N. Colville; M. Colville, Shiblycky; Subs: Coulter, Watson, Hiller, L. Patrick, C. Smith, Hextall, MacDonald, M. Patrick, Pike.

**Chicago**—Karakas; Cooper, D. Smith; Carre; Hergesheimer, Allen; Subs: Weibe, Cunningham, March, Thomas, Bentley, Dahlstrom, DeMarco, Siebert, Desltes, Ferguson.

**Officials**—Referee, Lampert; linesman, Stevenson.

**Summary**

First Period—1. Rangers, Hiller, 3:29; 2. Rangers, Hextall, 13:30; 3. Rangers, Hextall (Watson), 13:41; 4. Rangers, Coulter (N. Colville, Shiblycky), 19:16. Penalties: M. Patrick, 17:55. Penalty: L. Patrick.

Third Period—8. Rangers, Shiblycky (M. Patrick, N. Colville), 11:51. No penalties.

**LEAFS WIN GAME**

**TORONTO.** Dec. 23 (AP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs hung another defeat on the Detroit Red Wings tonight, 5-1, and in doing it regained their tie with the Boston Bruins for the National Hockey League lead. It was Detroit's tenth consecutive game without a victory.

A crowd of 11,136, a large part of it composed of children celebrating "Young Canada Night" at Maple Leaf Gardens, saw the home club outclass the Red Wings after the first period.

**Line-Ups**

**Toronto**—Broda; Kampman, Horner; Chamberlain; Kelly, Schriner; Subs: Burke, McDonald, Davidson, Hamilton, Apps, Drilon, Marker, N. Metz, Heron, Taylor.

**Detroit**—Thompson; Goodfellow, Motter; Howe, Fisher, B. McDonald, Subs: Stewart, Deacon Glembach, Bruneteau, Liscombe and Orlando.

**Officials**—Referee, Clancy; linesman, Day.

**Summary**

First Period—1. Toronto, Heron, 3:05; 2. Detroit, Bruneteau (Glembach, Liscombe), 4:46. No penalties.

Second Period—3. Toronto, Apps, 15:04; 4. Toronto, Schriner (Kelly), The doctor's still coming to him."

**SELF-DENIAL**

Grown-Up Visitor: "Well, Joyce, how did you enjoy your birthday party?"

Joyce: "Not as much as Willy did. The doctor's still coming to him."

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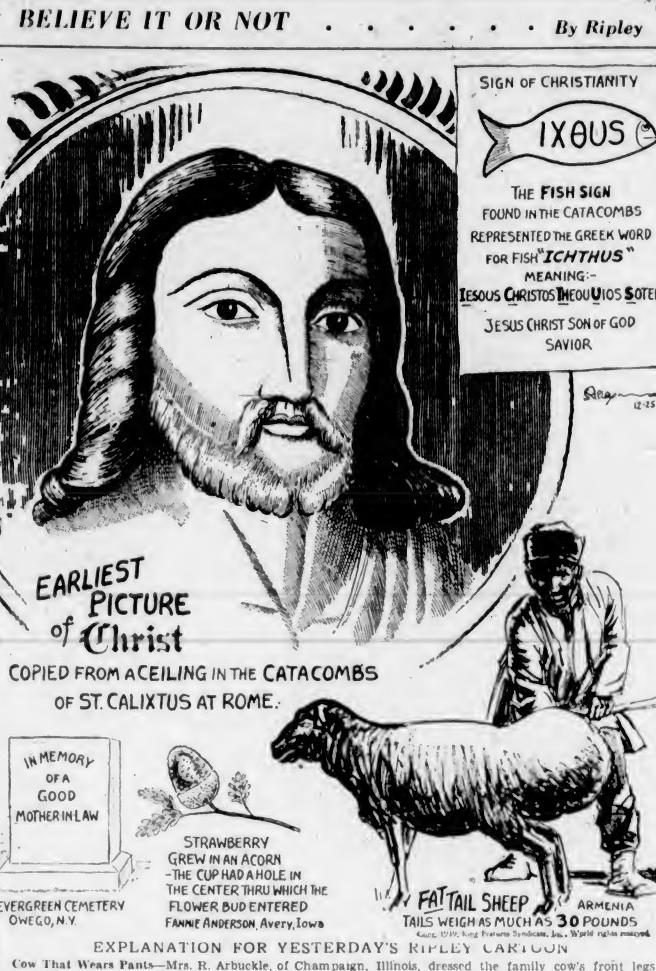
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EXPLANATION FOR YESTERDAY'S RIPLEY CARTOON

Cow That Wants Pants—Mrs. R. Arbuckle of Champaign, Illinois, dressed the family cow's front legs in pants to protect them from injury while healing. The cow had survived being struck by lightning, which burned the hide off the forelegs.

Please address all queries to Cartoonist Ripley c/o King Features, New York City, N.Y.

## Bucky Walters Is National League's Leading Pitcher

Former Infielder With the Cincinnati Reds Tops Pitchers During Past Season—Carl Hubbell's Average Surprises—Other Figures Given

**NEW YORK.** Dec. 23 (AP)—The National Baseball League pitcher of the year was and is William Henry (Bucky) Walters, Jr., of Cincinnati.

The baseball writers who chose him the most valuable player in his league had the same idea several weeks ago, but it took the pitching averages announced today to show what a great slinger the lanky right-hander really was during the 1939 season.

He led all hurlers in his league in earned-run rating with an average of 2.29 a game; won the most games, twenty-seven; pitched the most innings, 319; the most complete games, thirty-one; faced the most batters, 1,283; tied with one other for the most strikeouts, 137; tied with two others for starting the most games, thirty-six; and tied with two others for allowing the most sacrifice hits.

It was the first season that Walters had done better than 4.17 earned runs a game over the full route, and, inasmuch as he had only two shutouts among the twenty-seven games he won, the fact his average was so low came as something of a surprise.

Chicago's Bill Lee, in topping the league last year, had a 2.66 rating and no hurler has equalled Walters' mark since Carl Hubbell, of New York Giants, came up with his sensational 1.66 in 1933.

**RANKS SECOND**

Hubbell, incidentally, confounded some of the casual observers, who believed him fading, by compiling a 2.75 average to rank second in earned runs, and, in addition, finished tenth in won-lost percentage.

The ten leaders rated on earned runs, with their averages: Walters, 2.29; Hubbell, 2.75; Derringer, 2.93; Hugh Casey, Brooklyn, 2.93; Lou Fete, Boston, 2.96; Claude Pasreau, Philadelphia-Chicago, 3.28; Larry French, Chicago, 3.29; Bill Lee, Chicago, 3.45; Curt Davis, St. Louis, 3.625; and Luke Hammill, Brooklyn, 3.63.

The ten leaders rated on percentage, with games won and lost: Derringer, 25-7; Walters, 27-11; French, 15-8; Harry Gumbert, New York, 18-11; Hammill, 20-13; Casey, 15-10; Davis, 22-16; Forrest Presnell, Brooklyn, 9-7; Lee, 19-15; and Hubbell, 11-9.

One league pitching record was broken as Clyde Shoun of St. Louis Cardinals worked in fifty-three games, none of them complete, to surpass the old mark of fifty-one set by Maco Brown of Pittsburgh, in 1938. Shoun also finished the most games, twenty-five.

Sharing "strikeout" honors with

## DISCOUNT TO BE REDUCED

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tions by the board governing the taking of money out of Canada and investments by Canadians in foreign securities. The United States Government, it was stated, has now ready agreed to co-operate in making these regulations more effective.

### MOTIONS CAUSE CONCERN

Several motions were made by Social Credit and C.C.F. members to be placed on the order paper for discussion at the coming session of Parliament, are causing Parliamentary authorities deep concern, it was declared tonight.

There is no desire, whatever to restrict the freedom of speech, but the feeling is that now is not the most appropriate time for a wide open exposition of new theories on matters such as a proposed adequate system of collecting revenue, suggested for debate. A likely solution is that on such motions the sponsoring members will be requested to keep "within reasonable bounds."

**NATIONALS SECOND**

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**NAZI SHIPS PLAN DASH**

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controls and warships have seized \$70,000 tons of German merchandise, the French reported.

### GOAL ON WESTERN FRONT

On the Western Front, military dispatches said intense cold had suspended even patrol activity, although opposing aerial forces tangled in numerous dog fights.

The morning French army command merely said:

"Nothing important to report."

Premier Daladier spent one and three-quarters hours with the Cabinet outlining what aid France has given and will give Finland.

There was no official announcement on what Daladier said, but the newspaper "l'Intransigeant" said the aid was "of all kinds."

## ECONOMICS IN ODD CONDITION

Everything Topsy-Turvy in Southeastern Europe—In-genuity in Menus

**BUDAPEST.** Dec. 23 (AP)—In Bulgaria, there are pretty Hungarian dancing girls—in exchange for Bulgarian gardeners.

On the Hungarian-Austrian frontier, a man eats oversize beefsteaks next to his body and in that manner smuggles them into Greater Germany.

And on the Yugoslavian-Hungarian border, a customs official asks,

"Have you any coffee or tea in your luggage?"—which means he wants to reply, "No—and no coffee pot either," until you understand what a serious crime it is to be carrying coffee or tea around with you these days.

It's all symptomatic of the topsy-turvy and slightly punch-drunk economics of Southeastern Europe these days. Not economics in the grand sense of the word, but ordinary methods of paying for things, and getting a lamb chop, say, when and how you want it. There's no war in Southeastern Europe, but there's a lot of economic confusion.

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In Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, as example, the cabarets employ as always pretty Hungarian girls as dancers and hostesses.

Export of money is strictly forbidden but no matter.

There is always a demand for Bulgarian gardeners—among the best in the world—in Hungary.

On a clearing arrangement, Bulgaria gets the girls, Hungary gets the gardeners.

Now take smuggling. There seems to be a demand in Austria-for-beefsteaks.

And so adventurous men are slipping across the frontier to fill that demand. Even ordinary travelers, it is said, are wrapping slices of fresh meat around themselves.

**BOOTLEGGED BEEF**

Whether the bootlegger whispers "fresh beefsteak, madame?" is a question, of course.

But the scene in the kitchen, with blinds drawn, and doors locked, and with the odor of frying beefsteak with onions, is bound to be authentic.

In Bulgaria, you now have four meatless days a week, because of heavy exports to Germany, and in Greece, two such days, because of that demand. Even ordinary travelers, it is said, are wrapping slices of fresh meat around themselves.

**BOOTS**

It has given the vegetarians a field day.

It also has provided some remarkable ingenuity in restaurant menus, since the definition of meat does not include head, hoofs, horns and insides of animals.

A cup of coffee is becoming a positive luxury. Prices have skyrocketed. At the rate things are going, a steaming cup of coffee will rank with black caviar and French champagne as symbols of the real festive spirit. And very bold is the traveler who comes home and says, "S-a-sh! I've got a fourth of a pound of coffee in my bag. Let's have a party."

**RUSSIANS ESCAPE BY SURRENDERING**

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owners, machine guns and other war material.

The Russians were said to have been repulsed when they attacked on the Isthmus last night. The invaders had been reported driven back when they attacked at Kitalia, railroad town on the north shore of Lake Ladoga, and about twenty-five miles from the border.

The communists said that the Russians lost 2,000 men at Suomussalmi, killer—in fighting in that sector, which is about 250 miles north of Lake Ladoga and thirty miles from the frontier. There, a Russian column, which tried to smash across Finland's "wasp waist," was being thrown back, the Finns asserted.

"We captured one tank and a number of machine guns in that sector," the communists said. "Our advance continues."

Prints attacked by Russian bombs included Tampera, site of a large munitions base northwest of Helsinki. Bombs also were dropped around Helsinki, Porvoo, Tammisaari and Rauma.

**BOMBERS SHOT DOWN**

Two Russian bombers were reported shot down by anti-aircraft guns.

Finnish reports said that many bombs were dropped, and that at least one home was burned in Tammisaari. Russian flyers machine-gunned the town from as low as 150 feet.

"Our own air activities were confined to reconnaissance flights and patrol operations," the Finns reported.

The Finnish army in the Arctic sector was reported pursuing retreating Soviet troops beyond Hoyenjanjarvi, approximately sixty miles south of the Arctic Ocean. Bitterly

## Given Prominent Rankings in Net Circles for Year

Welby Van Horn and Helen Bernhard Share Spotlight During Past Tennis Season—Bobby Riggs Tops Ratings—Helen Jacobs Back on the List—Ten Ranked in Each Division

**NEW YORK.** Dec. 23 (AP)—Two youngers from opposite sides of the North American Continent, Welby Van Horn, of Los Angeles, and Helen Bernhard, of New York, were given prominent positions in the top ten of tennis ranking for 1939, as announced today by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Van Horn went to the final round of the men's singles championship at Forest Hills last September and thereby won fourth place. No. 1 position, of course, went to Bobby Riggs, of Chicago, United States and Wimbledon titleholder.

Mrs. Bernhard spread her accomplishments more generally over the season to advance from seventeenth place in 1938 to fourth place in 1939. The women's singles ranking also accorded top position.

Notable in the 1939 women's ranking list is the reappearance of Helen Jacobs in the No. 2 berth. Her return to the lists forced Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabian, of Cambridge, Mass., down to third place.

The other first-timers:

No. 5, Virginia Wolfenden, Santa Monica; No. 6, Dorothy Connolly, Santa Monica; No. 7, Dorothy Workman, Los Angeles; No. 8, Pauline Betz, Los Angeles; No. 9, Katherine Winthrop, Boston, and No. 10, Mary Arnold, San Francisco.

## NAMED TO ACT FOR ROOSEVELT

Steel Magnate Chosen Personal Representative of President at Vatican

**WASHINGTON.** Dec. 23 (AP)—President Roosevelt today appointed Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican to further common endeavors for peace and the alleviation

# ST. SAVIOURS SCORES WIN IN COAST LEAGUE

## Saints XI Register Win Over Scots; Jack Whent Stars

Moves Into Fourth Place Tie in Football League—Well-Known Forward Nets Three Goals Before Crowd of 1,000—Final Score Is 6-2—Winners Take Early Lead to Win

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23 (CP)—St. Saviours moved into a tie for fourth place in the Pacific Coast Soccer League today by swamping the Scots, 6-2, at Connaught Park.

Jack Whent led the visitors on the dry pitch with three well-served goals. The game was played before a crowd of close to 1,000 persons.

Whent opened the scoring about ten minutes after the game started and seconds later sent his team into a 2-0 lead when he booted the leather past Arnie Bumstead in the Scots' net.

Art Coombes netted the third counter for St. Saviours as the winners continued to press. Then Whent again snatched the ball near the goalmouth and rammed it in to put his team four goals up.

### What Today Means

#### "CAPRICORN"

If December 24 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; from 3 to 5 p.m., and from 9 to 11 p.m. The danger periods are from 9 to 11 a.m.; from 7 to 9 p.m., and from 11 p.m. until midnight.

Be careful to say or do nothing which might have a depressing effect on anyone's Christmas spirit. On this day save the way for tomorrow's happiness. It might be well to conserve your energy as much as possible for Christmas Day's exigencies. Absent-mindedness this day will result in unnecessary worry, so remember where you are doing. Many important matters will be neglected by the "I-will-attend-to-it-later" type of individual, so it might be well to keep constantly in mind that "delays are dangerous," and good intentions, when not put into force, have no virtue. It might be advisable not to oppose a consensus of opinion and to do nothing that might be considered distasteful, ignoring it. Bright-flags will make many person dull company. Married and engaged couples, and those who are in love, can manifest the depth of their affection in many ways, and should do so.

If you are a woman and December 24 is your birthday, the dreams you have this day may become realities tomorrow. Remember that disappointments are often caused by the miscarriage of expectations and are often only a "hope deferred." Your smile often can mask your feelings, so practice smiling. Dame Fortune is likely to favor you in many ways, and through the bestowal of her largess your happiness may be greatly enhanced. You may be rather literary, decidedly artistic and fond of music. Among the professional and commercial activities in which you are most likely to succeed are teaching, journalism, work of a legal nature, selling, acting or business management. As love is likely to inspire your selection of a husband, the chances are it will always bide with you.

The child born on December 24 generally develops into a capable dependable youngster, with plenty of ambition. Fate probably will work things out in such a fashion that there will be few difficulties for Capricorn children to overcome before they start climbing the ladder of success.

If you are a man and December 24 is your natal day, strive to make friends rather than enemies, and be diplomatic if you wish your way through life to be a comparatively easy one. As a mining, civil or mechanical engineer, naturalist, inventor, chemist, clergyman, lawyer, doctor, merchant, educator, sales-

#### Will Swim Monday in Yuletide Event



**RAY WARDELL**

PROMISING young free style artist and one of the nine entries for the annual Christmas Day swim to be held in the Inner Harbor. The race will get under way at 11 o'clock, with the winner taking possession of the Capt. M. D. Harbord Cup. Each competitor will receive a Polar Bear Club pin. The event is staged under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club.

To make only fair requests. Be careful what you say and to whom you say it, for tactless repeating may cause discordant conditions. Make allowances for that day-after-holiday let-down. Many persons are apt to suffer from over-exertion and frazzled nerves which may make some of the people you contact appear to be decidedly unpleasant. Married and engaged couples, and those who expect to become betrothed, will find this a poor day for teasing.

If you are a woman and December 24 is your birthday, you generally say what you are thinking, which is not always a wise or diplomatic thing to do. Your frankness at times may startle your relatives and friends, so it might pay you to modify it. Avoid making an issue of anything, for too many individuals will be ready to quarrel over trifles. You seem destined to do well financially through your own efforts, so you need not hesitate to engage in professional or commercial activity. Your praises may be sung in your pocket-book filled as a result of your cleverness as a business executive, purchasing agent, teacher, actress, designer, author, or sales agent. Your marriage may make you very happy.

The child born on December 25 has generally a remarkable amount of responsive power, ceaseless energy and an ability to pick up information without much apparent effort. Such children usually get through life with a surprising amount of ease.

Montreal, Dec. 23 (CP)—Recognizing that you are liable to make mistakes, you are able to think your friends are able to anticipate your faults. You may find that the way to make remarkable strides towards the goal of your ambition is through political or social welfare work, some form of vocal activity, music, art, selling, writing or a line of commercial enterprise. Marriage appears to be the medium through which your personal affairs are going to be advanced and the secret of happiness likely to be found.

Any Canadian book bearing imprint of the year 1939 may be entered in competition for the awards. Canadian nationality is the first qualification, though residence in another country does not disqualify the writer. The closing date for entries is January 15, 1940. The books submitted for consideration will be judged in the three classes, and the judges will be chosen from the rank of well-known critics and literary men. Entry may be made by either author or publisher. All entries must be forwarded to the national secretary of the Canadian Authors' Association, Box 1424, Place d'Armes Post Office, Montreal, to whom any entries should be addressed.

Since the Governor-General's literary awards were inaugurated in 1936, literary craftsmanship in this country has received much favorable publicity. When Lord Tweedsmuir consented to take the initiative in founding the awards, it was felt that at last Canadian writers would have a reasonable inducement to strive for literary honors at home, rather than in foreign countries.

One gratifying result has been a tremendously increased popular interest in Canadian fiction, poetry, historical works, and belles lettres, and while much remains to be done in the way of securing adequate endowment to accompany the medals, Canadian literature has already been rescued from the indignity of having to seek recognition abroad.

Writers who have received these awards for outstanding contributions to Canadian letters since 1936 include Bertram Booker, Laura Goodmar, Salverson and Gwethwyn Graham, for fiction; E. J. Pratt and Kenneth Leslie, for poetry, and the late T. B. Robertson, Stephen Leacock and John Murray Gibbon, for general literature.

It is declared, however, that the American nations were resolved "to strengthen the system of protection in common through the adoption of adequate rules."

Aside from the reference to possibly closing American ports to warships which engage in belligerent acts within the neutrality zone, the note did not disclose what steps were under consideration to tighten the neutrality zone.

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## AUXILIARY NOW WORKING UNIT

Committees Under Victoria's Co-ordinating Council Are Fully Organized

The auxiliary service section of Victoria's Co-ordinating Council for War Work and Civilian Services is now fully organized and functioning as a unit for all organizations supplying comforts and other direct services to enlisted men in the Victoria area and in outlying detachments. Captain Hobart Molson M.C., chairman of the section, announced today.

The executive committee is working under official recognition of Brigadier W. W. Foster, D.S.O., and Captain V. A. MacLean, M.C., district auxiliary services officer for British Columbia.

Committees from the Auxiliary Service Section, with the organizations already in membership, are composed as follows:

Comforts — Miss Sara Spencer, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Molson, secretary; Miss F. A. FitzGibbon, Red Cross; Major W. O'Donnell, Salvation Army; H. C. Mangan, Overseas League; Mrs. B. M. Clarke, Soroptimist Club; Miss Denny, Women's Service Club; Duncan, women's auxiliary and others.

Club and Canteens—Colonel Lightbody, D.S.O., chairman; Miss Violet Wilson, Red Cross; F. Paulding, YMCA; Adjutant Charles Watt, Salvation Army; Colonel Winsby, Canadian Legion; G. E. MacDonald, Knights of Columbus; Captain Phillips, Navy League; J. C. Anderson, North Saanich Service Club, and others.

Library and Education—W. T. Strath, M.P.P., chairman; Major L. Bullock-Webster, Adult Education Branch, Provincial Government; Miss Doris M. Jones, Y.W.C.A.; Miss M. Holmes, Soroptimist Club; Mrs. A. G. MacDonald, Overseas League; Victoria Public Library and Y.M.C.A.; W. T. Strath; Raymond Jones, Miss Violet Wilson and others.

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# MARINE, RAIL and AIR

## SEAGOERS WILL ENJOY HOLIDAY

Airmen Prepared to Celebrate Christmas Season In Best Tradition

It will undoubtedly be a merry Christmas along Victoria's waterfront tomorrow. Even if certain ferry ships have to run on schedule and the sailors' family party may be broken up, the festive spirit will travel with the vessels, and the best traditions of the British merchant service will prevail.

All sea-going craft, from the freight to the busy tugboat, that can spare a day or two from battling with wind and tide, are lying in port with their fires drawn, Christmas trees at the top, of their masts and crews preparing to start celebrating today. This applies to Government ships as well; while in addition, a large fleet of fishing boats has assembled here to join in the seasonal feasting and is attendant show of good fellowship.

A large number of the fishermen are tied up at their own dock near the Johnson Street Bridge, but they also occupy a corner space between wharves from Point Alice to Laurel Point. To the airmen in Victoria, as well as to all the men who go down to the sea in various types of craft, The Colonist wishes the season.

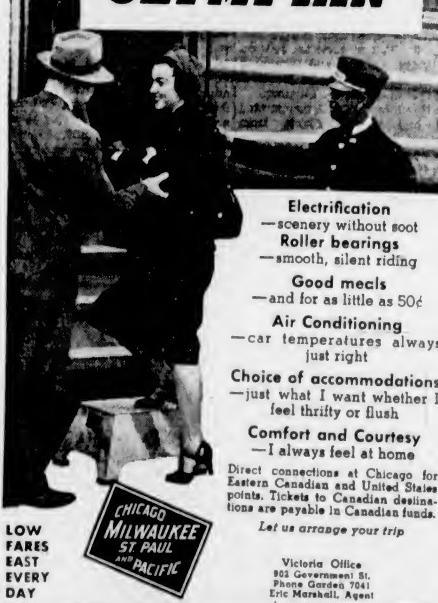
### SAILING DELAYED

To accommodate passengers sailing for Powell River, Ocean Falls, Prince Rupert, Stewart and Ketchikan on Christmas Day, Canadian National Steamships has postponed the regular sailing from 9 p.m. until midnight from Vancouver, On

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## Santa Claus Kept Postal Clerks Busy



Christmas time means a lot more work for the local Postoffice staff, necessitating the employment of a number of extra assistants. For two weeks past, heavy mails have been arriving, while letters and packages mailed by Victorians have passed through the cancelling machines in greater volume than ever before. The picture shows a busy corner of the Victoria Postoffice during the past week, with Postmaster G. H. Gardner (second from left) assisting his staff in speeding some Christmas packages along.

1938-39 period. The leading province was Ontario with 482,813 paid up in an effort to force Rhode Island Quebec being second with 296,416, and British Columbia third with 150,525. Quebec and Alberta are the only two provinces now ahead of the 1938-39 totals.

Of the cities, Montreal leads with 148,257 licences issued. In second place is Toronto with a total of 131,871, while Vancouver is in third place with 49,826. Victoria, with 12,974 licences issued at the end of November, is slightly ahead of her total for the past fiscal year, when the number was 12,443.

Licences issued to the blind at the end of November numbered 4,549, to hospitals and charitable institutions there were 261, and to schools, 538.

## TRADE WAR IS GIVING TROUBLE

United States Federal Officials Concerned Over Inter-State Conflict

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Federal officials are puzzling over ways to halt "trade war" among the states which, they say, has gathered momentum in recent years.

A special committee is seeking a truce in trade regulations between neighboring states and cities that have produced clashes over tax and regulatory laws and a number of "border incidents."

Unless these trends are reversed, some officials fear that the nationalistic system of European states may supplant the traditional American plan of free trade.

Here are some of the incidents they are worrying about:

Colorado called out the militia to exclude sugar beet laborers from New Mexico.

Indiana and Michigan engaged in a "beer war" that finally was settled by a truce in Detroit.

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## NEW YEAR'S WEEK-END FARES TO VANCOUVER

GOOD GOING all sailings from Friday, December 29, until 1:30 P.M. Saturday, January 1.

RETURNING, send in leave Vancouver not later than midnight, Tuesdays, January 2.

Return \$3.15  
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To SEATTLE

GOOD GOING all sailings from Friday, December 29, until 1:30 P.M. Saturday, January 2.

RETURNING, send in leave Seattle not later than 8 A.M. Tuesday, January 3.

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# AROUND the DIAL

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

10:00 a.m.—Bishop Ralph Hayes, rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome, will deliver a Yuletide message from the Eternal City. KIRO, KVII.

1:30 p.m.—"Hansel and Gretel," a Christmas fantasy written by Christopher Harris, will be presented from Vancouver with a junior cast. CBR, 2:00 p.m.—President Roosevelt is scheduled to speak from the Community Christmas Tree in Washington. D.C. KIRO, KJR, KVII.

6:00 p.m.—Marion Anderson, negro contralto, will make her second appearance as guest artist on the "Sunday Evening Hour." KIRO, KVII, KVII.

6:45 p.m.—Lester Patrick, manager of the New York Rangers, will comment on the season's campaign when Bill Stern introduces him on the "Sports Newsreel" broadcast. KJR, KGO.

7:00 p.m.— Lionel Barrymore will return to play the role of Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol," on the "Playhouse" broadcast, directed by Orson Welles. KIRO, CBR.

9:00 p.m.—Katherine Hamilton, mezzo-soprano, will be guest artist with Allard de Ridder on this "Symphony Concert" programme. CBR.

**NEWS BROADCASTS TODAY**

Morning—9:30, CBR.  
Afternoon—12:30, KOMO, CFCT; 2:00, CJOR; 2:15, KIRO; 3:45, CBR;  
Evening—7:00, CJOR; 8:00, CBR;  
8:30, KIRO; 9:00, KOL; CJOR; 9:30,  
10:00, KOMO; 11:00, CBR, KIRO.

**TOMORROW'S HIGHLIGHTS**

6:15 a.m.—A young air pilot in training in Canada, a New Zealand farmer, an Australian woman munition worker, and a naval rating from Malaya will head on the "Empire Christmas" broadcast. CBR.

7:00 a.m.—His Majesty King George VI will deliver his Christmas message to the Empire by radio. It will last five minutes, but will be broadcast at 8 p.m. CBR.

5:00 p.m.—A full-hour actually broadcast, presenting a radio picture of "Christmas With the Troops" which will be heard. CBR.

6:00 p.m.—A radio dramatization of the new Walt Disney film, "Pinocchio," with the original cast, will be presented on the "Radio Theatre" broadcast. CBR.

**NEWS BROADCASTS TOMORROW**

Morning—8:00, CJOR; 8:15, CFCT; 9:15, KJR; 10:45, CJOR; 11:00, CJOR; 12 noon, KOL.

Afternoon—12:30, CFCT, KIRO; CJOR; 1:45, CBR; 3:30, CBR; 3:45, KOL.

Evening—7:00, KJR; 7:00, KOL; CJOR; 8:00, CJOR; 9:00, KOL; 9:30, KJR; 10:00, KOMO; 10:30, CJOR; 11:00, CBR, KOL, KIRO.

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**Sunday's Programme**

(This following programme are compiled by the various broadcasting companies and are subject to change.)

8:00 A.M.—Christian Service (CBR); Church of the Nazarene (KOMO); Church of the Air (KIRO); Brother Al. Heller Hour (KOL).

8:15 A.M.—Christian Science (KOL).

8:30 A.M.—Southernaires (CBR, KJR); Prairie Tahquamen (KIRO); Sunrisers (KOL).

8:45 A.M.—Canary Chorus (KOL).

8:45 A.M.—Morning Melodies (KOL).

9:00 A.M.—Vatican City Christmas Programme (CBR, KOMO, KIRO).

Compass Morn (KJR).

10:15 A.M.—Romance of Highways (KOL).

10:30 A.M.—And It Came to Pass (CBR); Prophets of Today (KOMO); John Brage (KJR).

Christmas Greetings (Eason da Valera, Ireland); Mighty I Am Present (KOL); Morning Concerts (CJOR).

10:45 A.M.—Morning Melodies (KOL).

10:45 A.M.—Metropolitans Mood (KJR).

11:00 A.M.—Mysteries of Bethlehem (CBR).

Battle Planettes (KOMO).

The Mystery Broadcasts (KJR); Plymouth Congregational Church (KIRO); Mystery History (KOL); Metropolitan Opera (CBR).

11:30 A.M.—Devotional Service (CBR); Church News (KOMO); Christian Church (KOL).

12:00 Noon—N.Y. Philharmonic Orchestra (CBR).

The Choir (KOMO); Norman Clusters' Orchestra (KJR); Philharmonic Symphony of N.Y. (KIRO).

12:15 P.M.—Paul Carson (KOMO); Philharmonic Orchestra (KJR).

12:30 P.M.—News From Europe (KOMO).

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WORK (KOL) (1270).

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CFCT (1450).

VANCOUVER—

CJOR (600).

JOSE MARIA (KJR);

Haven of Rest (KOL);

Fair Grots (CJOR).

12:45 P.M.—Rangers Berenade (CBR) (KJR).

1:00 P.M.—I Want a Divorce (KOMO).

Christmas Eve (CJOR).

1:15 P.M.—Sunday Bone Berenade (CJOR).

1:30 P.M.—Hansel and Gretel (CBR); The World Is Yours (KOMO); Red House (KOL); KIRO; Lutheran Hour—KOL; Studio In Programme (CJOR).

1:45 P.M.—Musical Comedy (CBR); Green, Blue and Yellow (KJR).

2:00 P.M.—The Church of the Air (CBR); National Radio Hour—KOL; Studio In Programme (CJOR).

2:15 P.M.—Adopted Daughter (KOMO); The Goldbergs (CJOR).

2:30 P.M.—Toddy Gilmour (CBR); The Christmas Tree, President Roosevelt (KJR); The Glass Slipper (CJOR).

2:45 P.M.—Can You Imagine That? Concert Time (KOL).

3:00 P.M.—Silver Theatre (CBR); Voice of the Highest (CJOR).

3:15 P.M.—Foursomes, Gossamer Light-house (CJOR).

3:30 P.M.—The World Today (CBR); Trinity Choir (KJR); Gateway to Hollywood (KIRO); Show of the Week (KOL).

3:45 P.M.—Bob Becker (KOMO).

3:50 P.M.—Meet Me (KJR); The Glass Slipper (CJOR).

4:00 P.M.—Young Dr. Malone (KJR); The O'Neills (CJOR).

4:15 P.M.—Tom Mix (KJR); Jerry of the Circus (KOL).

4:30 P.M.—Paul Carlson, organ (KOMO); Maurice Spilman's Orchestra (KJR); This Is Ours (KJR); Tropical Moods (KOL).

4:45 P.M.—News (CBR); Eddie Red (KJR); Voice of the Highest (CJOR).

4:55 P.M.—Alice Cooper (CBR); Michael McGehee (CJOR).

5:10 P.M.—Hansel Gang (CBR, KOL); Cobwebs and Cadenzas (KOMO); Crime Quiz (CJOR).

5:30 P.M.—Tom Mix (KJR); Jerry of the Circus (KOL).

5:45 P.M.—Music (CBR); Heart of Julia Blaik (KOMO); American War Correspondents' Reunion (KJR); Kate Smith's Chats (KIRO); Red Quartzes (CJOR); Show in Programme (CJOR).

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# FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

## Stocks Sluggish In Brief Session On Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (CP)—A mixed-up stock market today emerged from the pre-Christmas week just about where it started.

The brief session was sluggish throughout, with transactions devoted principally to selling for income tax purposes, switching from one stock to another in the same group, and a moderate amount of specialized investment purchasing.

Business news from all over the country was cheerying, but, with world markets closed Monday, traders were disinclined to do much either way. Small minus and plus signs were well distributed at the finish and numerous issues held to Friday's final levels.

The Associated Press average of sixty stocks was unchanged at 51.0. It stood at this figure last Saturday. A year ago it was at 51.9. During the past two months or so the composite has been almost stationary.

Transfers of 331,672 shares compared with 335,440 a week ago. For the six days, though, volume was the largest in four weeks.

Lew's was an isolated strong spot in the otherwise apathetic proceedings, pushing up 2 points. Johnson-Maville advanced a point. Elsewhere minor improvement was shown by Sears, Roebuck; Philip Morris; Santa Fe; New York Central; Pennsylvania; Anaconda; International Nickel; Montgomery Ward; Woolworth; Goodyear and J. C. Penney.

A quiet bond market Saturday left Norway 41-2, 13-8 higher at 18; Denmark 41-2, 13-8 higher at 18; and Brisbane 5-2, 6-2 of 1957 up 61-2 at 761-2.

United States Treasuries were quiet but firm.

### DOJ JONES' AVERAGES

Doj Jones' averages closed today as follows:

Thirty industrials, 149.85, up .26.

Twenty rails, 31.58, up .14.

Fifteen utilities, 24.91, off .04.

Forty bonds, 89.19, off .02.

Total sales, 330,000.

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## CHAPTER XIII

Mamie's unusually quiet manner made it easier to talk of this important matter than Star had expected.

"Mrs. Lambert would like you to come to dinner next Monday," she said. "Bob wants to meet you and I want you to meet him."

"But, Mrs. Lambert, I'll be gone then."

Nina laughed. "And I shall have a new secretary. A plain one; with no appeal for my boy friends." She spoke lightly, but a sombre note ran like a black thread through her brightly colored words. Star sensed it at the same time reproaching herself for being so sensitive. Nina hadn't minded in the least when her friends tried to flirt with Star. She had even told the girl that her own daughter couldn't have behaved better.

"I mustn't take everything so seriously," she thought, reminding herself of the many kind things Nina had done. "Look at her attitude about her son's engagement. Could anything be more generous or a truer indication of affection?"

On Monday morning Star telephoned her mother, finding her excited but in a good humor.

"Everything is okay," Mamie assured her.

When Star suggested going over to help her dress, Mamie insisted it wouldn't be necessary.

"But I want to," Star protested. "Then we'll take a taxi and afterward Bob and I will take you home."

It sounded foolproof, Star thought, telling Nina her plan.

"Why don't you let Bob come for you?" Nina suggested.

"It's rather hard to find," Star evaded. "Easier just to take a taxi if you don't mind."

Nina replied cheerfully. "Suit yourself, my dear! But be sure to tell them not later than seven."

Star wore one of the simple pale blue dresses Nina had urged her to buy earlier in the Summer. She reached her mother's ear in the afternoon. Mamie had kept her promise, and at Star's suggestion had had her hair washed and waved. Star gave her a manicure, using a light rosy polish.

(To Be Continued)

## THAT MAN AGAIN

A man who was obviously not a gambler entered a local English public house the other night during a blackout. He began to behave rather badly, and the landlord refused to serve him.

He went out quietly.

After a little time he sneaked in the side passage room. The landlord turned him out again.

About five minutes later he boldly walked in the front way. The astonished landlord shouted at him to get out, or he would throw him out.

To which the fellow replied, "Look here, guv'nor, do you own all the pubs in this 'ere village?"

## HER FEAR

"You are growing into a nice little fellow, and will be just like your father."

"Yes—that's what mother is afraid of."

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT - By Fred Neher



"Aw, shucks . . . An' I Told Her to Send Me a Cake!"



## MISTAKES COST AIRMEN MONEY

Regina's Rumble Club Levies Fines on Students For Errors

REGINA R.C.A.F. TRAINING BASE, Dec. 23 (CP)—A lot of young Royal Canadian Air Force recruits are paying into the fund of the Rumble Club these days as they learn to pilot a plane during their elementary training at this huge Prairie airfield.

Student fares automatically become numbers of the club when they start training at Regina Airport and payments are made to the fund for sundry flying achievements and mistakes. When the treasury is sufficiently large, the club, founded by Manager Bert Langdon, of Regina Airport, throws a party.

Or when a member soles, a dozen large" and the club increases the liquid refreshment, adds cheese and crackers.

## SMALLEST FINE

The smallest fine levied is a nickel for a corrected landing bounce in a training plane. An uncorrected bounce costs twice as much and a bad bounce and a bad landing together run into money.

Failing to hook up a safety belt, careless taxiing, side slipping in bad visibility, offering an alibi or getting ones name in the local papers is worth 10 cents to the club. A picture in the papers is assessed 25 cents.

When a pilot fails to "give her the gun" on overshooting a landing it costs him 25 cents, but he can break his plane into a \$3.50 fine. But making a平安 landing with a drift is the worst offence of all. The Rumble Club doesn't even levy a fine for it but hands out a sarcastic penalty which reads: "Go Home."

"Does your wife enjoy the wireless?"  
"No! You see, it's all listening."

## MORTIMER AND CHARLIE



## S'MATTER POP



## ROY POWERS, KING'S SCOUT

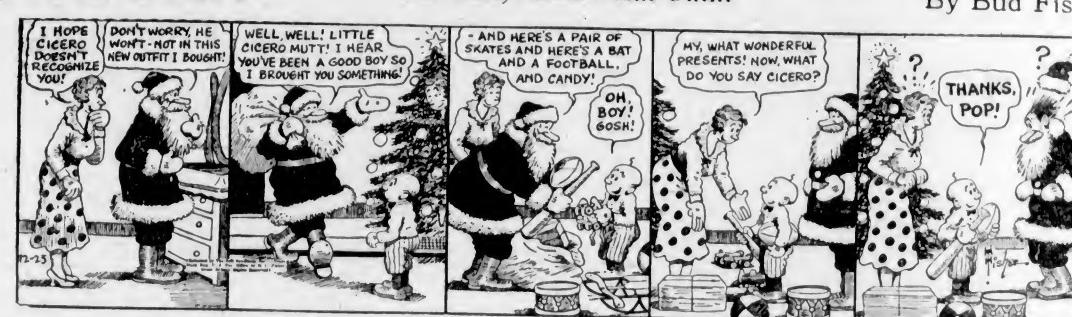
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## MUTT AND JEFF

## For Sale, Santa Claus Outfit

By Bud Fisher



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By Dale Allen



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By Edgar Bergen



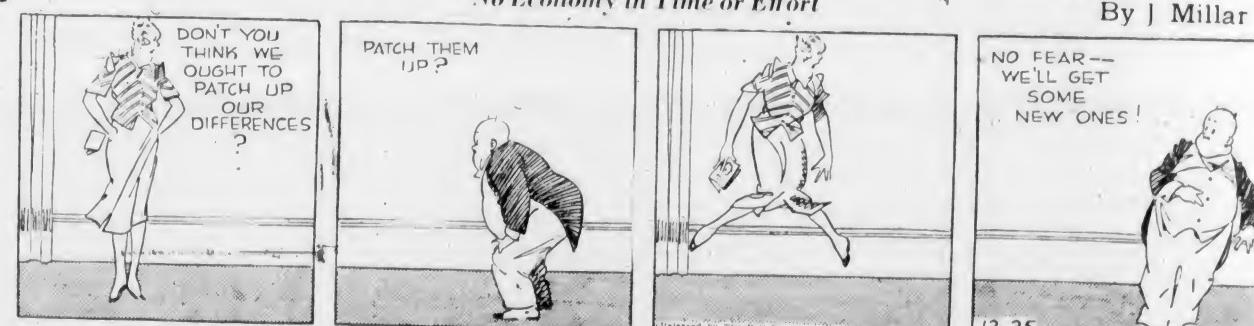
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## Oh! Now We've Often Wondered

By C. M. Payne



## POP



## No Economy in Time or Effort

By J. Millar Watt

## BLONDIE

## That's Saving Something

By Chic Young



# Business and Professional Directory, Want Ads

The Daily Colonist

(Continued)

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Building Materials

Business Directory

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Coming Events

Dances

Dressmaking

Farms for Rent

Farms for Sale

Fests and Apartments Wanted

Fits and Apartments to Rent

Fits and Apartments Wanted

Furniture

Funerals

Funeral Directors

Furnished Apartments to Rent

Furnished Rooms Wanted

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Holiday Apartments to Rent

Holiday Apartments Wanted

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1937 CHEVROLET MASTER COACH  
Econometric value in head-six cylinder with hydraulic brakes. All steel body with fenders. Good running frame and has been carefully driven.

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Sedan. Small minor. All steel body with fenders. Very good cond. A spacious family car and it is an outstanding bargain.

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We Finance Car Purchases—Low Rates

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On unpaid balance no refinancing.

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steps, nice garden contains five rooms,  
open fire in sitting-room. \$1950

(With terms to receive part of

Listed exclusively with

JOHN GREENWOOD

1241 Broad Street

MORE ATTRACTIVE LITTLE  
BUNGALOW. Two real nice little home com-  
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WALKING DISTANCE—WELL-BUILT  
stucco bungalow of four rooms with  
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LOCATED on one of the finest streets in  
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First Payment \$100. Rent \$100 per month.  
L. M. ROSEVEAR & CO. LTD. Rent  
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WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
EXPRESSIONS OF CONFIDENCE IN  
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SINCERE WISHES FOR A HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND PROSPERITY  
IN 1940

THE ROYAL TRUST COMPANY  
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1202 Government St. Victoria

WISHING ONE AND ALL  
THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON  
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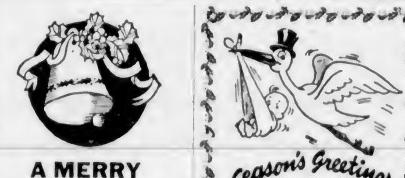
*Merry  
Christmas*

A Yuletide wish for thee  
With friendship and goodwill,  
"May Christmas merry be—  
The New Year merrier still."

## BOB HAWKES

SHOE REPAIRS

Trounce Alley—Back of Central Building



### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We Wish You and Yours the Best of Everything for This Joyous Yuletide

### HILL'S

Drive, Yourself Cars  
721 VIEW ST. PHONE G 4423

### STORK SHOP

631 FORT ST., Opp. Times

HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
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A. L. LEE, Proprietor

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To Our Customers, Old and New—Our Sincere Wishes for a Happy Christmas Season.

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751 YATES STREET PHONE G 1713



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
To All!**

### Jameson Motors, Ltd.

740 BROUGHTON STREET



*Greetings to All...*

To everyone to whom we have had the privilege of extending our service we tender our sincere wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### IDEAL MEAT MARKET

"Where Service and Quality Count"

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**Ben Grossman**  
Sales Manager of  
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*Wishes You the  
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*The  
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May Your Christmas  
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P. M. Linklater, Ltd.  
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F. CHRISTOPHER  
Managing Director  
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TO OUR FRIENDS  
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E 6213

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E 5212

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# When the Reindeer Ran Away

By Izola Forrester



ELEN did not open the telegram until she had made sure that Chap was not watching her. The messenger waited in the dimly lighted hallway, his cap off, his round, boyish face alight with anticipation.

Back in the studio came Chap's rolling tones, a bit husky from the cold he had caught crossing the ferry in the storm, but still sweet and happy, with just a suggestion of a lisp. Chap was proud of that lisp. It marked an epoch in his life, when, as he had said, "it perfectly good toof dropped out." They had treated the event with the distinction it deserved, he and the girl person he called "Muvver." They had acted quite foolishly over it, wrapped it in pink cotton and sent it off in a tiny jewelry box as a present to the father-boy way out West, with a line to the effect that Chap had made it all himself, and it had taken him six and a half years to do it.

"Car-rull, bruvvers, car-rull!"  
"Car-rull joyfullie!"  
"Car-rull the good tidings,  
Car-rull merrilee!"

Somehow the tears rose quickly to Helen's eyes as she listened, and almost blinded her as she read the message from the father-boy. It was brief and most sadly to the point:

"Trains blocked by storm. Money soon as I deliver goods at office in New York. Cheer up. Merry Christmas."

"Bob."

That was all. And it was Christmas Eve, and she had just seventeen cents on hand. "Is—this message prepaid?" She looked up at the boy anxiously.

"Yessum." He grinned a bit sheepishly and handed her a little dingy card with a verse printed on it:

Christmas is coming, turkeys are fat.  
Please drop a nickel in your messenger's hat.

In spite of her trouble, Helen smiled and nodded. Back she went softly through the short hallway and found her purse. Five cents of the seventeen was laid in the messenger's palm and he went away whistling softly.

Chap was curled up on the window-seat. Out of doors horns were blowing, bells were chiming, even the clang of the street-car gongs sounded festive and musical. Downstairs in the studio below somebody was singing; it sounded like the curly-haired old gentleman, Chap said—like the way he would sing if he could sing.

Helen laid the telegram on the mantel and tried to think clearly. Not that she minded for herself. So long as Bob would not be with her, all the money in the world could not make it a merry Christmas for her. He had been away two weeks on a business trip West for the company. It was not an especially important trip, only that Bob was the latest man on the staff, and as the chief had told him before he started, "It was up to him to make good."

AND she had been willing for him to go, so willing, even though New York was an untraveled wilderness to her and Christmas lay just ahead. They had come East from a little manufacturing town in Ohio, where Bob had been editor of a trade journal. His work had attracted attention in industrial circles, for while it was not brilliant, still it showed he had a good grasp on things as they are, with an excellent idea of how much better they might be. So they had given up the position on the trade journal, and their little home, and had come to New York.

"Let's not take an apartment," Helen suggested. "There's only Chap and us, and we can easily get along with two or three rooms where I can do light house-keeping, and we'll save so much right at the beginning."

It had been pure fun hunting for that studio apartment. They had reached the city in the morning, a clear, fine November morning, when Winter had seemed months away. After three hours' search for a reasonable place to live in, Helen had taken Chap and had willingly rested in the ladies' writing-room of one of the big hotels while the father-boy went forth to find a nest. And he had found one, such a pleasant, well-furnished suite that Helen looked at him doubtfully when she saw it.

"Now don't worry," Bob had told her, joyously, as he had turned on the lights and tossed Chap over on the big divan and lifted the doubtful person bodily in his arms over a most inviting green wicker chair. "The first month's rent is paid and we're here, and you can see all the way across the square out of the front windows, and I won't have any car-fare to pay."

"I think it's pretty nice," Chap had said politely, that first night, after Helen had prepared dinner on a two-burner gas-stove, and they were eating it picnic style on the front room mission table. "Where's the garden?"

Bob had pointed out of the window. Right before them lay Washington Square, with the Memorial Arch ahead, and beyond Fifth Avenue, with its narrowing perspective of what Chap had called "flower lights."

"That's our garden, honey-boy," said Bob, and Chap had been content.

There were quite a number of people in the quiet five-story building, but Helen decided they were not neighborly, for nobody ever spoke to her, and nobody

knocked at her door except Mrs. Dorrity, the stout, placid janitress. But Chap held a different opinion. While Helen was busy at her work, he would go around with Mrs. Dorrity from studio to studio, as she made her cleaning-up rounds. It was from him that Helen found out just who her neighbors were.

"THERE'S a lady way up on the top floor with a typewriter, and she always says hush to me and kisses me and gives me some salted almonds. Then there's a man in the back room, and he's always taking a bath, so I haven't seen him yet, but he calls out to me every morning."

"What does he say?" asked Helen.

"He says 'Hello, buddy, how's things going?' And I tell him they're going pretty well. Then in the rooms back of us, muver, there's two love-ly girls. And they've got a fire escape all fixed up with flowers, and a yarning over it—"

"Awning, sonny boy?"

"Yawning. And they've got a big collie in there named Tan, and they've got the front thing out of the grate, muver."

Chap had stopped there. There was a grate in their apartment, also, but the "front thing" was fastened in, for the radiator gave sufficient heat.

"They've got it open," Chap had continued, in a secretive way, "so HE can get in without a latch-key."

"He?" Helen opened her eyes wider.

Was there a mystery in the quiet, conventional studio building?

"Santa Clauth, muver." Chap had added, his blue eyes full of anticipation. "Kate, that's the littlest girl, says he always comes down their chimney."

Helen was silent, and after a pause Chap had suggested, "Don't you think we oughter take out our grate, too? He can't get through hot-water pipe, can he?"

Chap's voice roused her now, as he spoke to her from the window-seat.

"Muvver, can I have your latch-key juth for tonight? I want to put it on the end of a thing and let it down from the window to the front door, tho he can get in."

The buzzer at the hall door sounded again, and Helen welcomed the interruption. It was another messenger-boy, and the telegram was for Chap. She almost laughed as she read it. It was so like Bob to send it to him to save the day. They looked at it together, after the messenger-boy had gone, she kneeling beside him, with one arm holding him close to her. Chap's face was intensely serious, and well it might be, for that telegram bore amazing tidings from an important personage:

"Reindeer have run away. Be at your house as soon as I catch them. S. C."

"Do—do you know what that meant?" Chap's eyes were wide and startled. "That mean HIM! 'S. C.' Santa Clauth."

"I shouldn't wonder," said Helen reluctantly. Chap took the telegram from the table.

"I want to show it to Mrs. Dorrity," he prieded. "Cause she-th expecting him too."

HE was gone quite a long time. Helen worked until her eyes felt tired, a little smile on her lips. It was splendid of Bob to think of sending that message. It explained the lack of toys, the lack of money, the lack of everything Christmasy. When Chap came upstairs, sleepy-eyed, but munching on a huge square of pink pop-corn that Mrs. Dorrity had given him, she undressed him and put him to bed on the couch in the back room. Just then the buzzer sounded in the hall, so unexpectedly that it startled her. She opened the door, half expecting to see another messenger-boy, and dreading him, for a second nickel had gone to the last one. But the hall was empty. The elevator was down at the first floor. But on the floor beside her doorway were several parcels. Wonderfully, Helen gathered them up and went back into the front studio. There were three, all good-sized bundles, wrapped in white paper and tied with holly ribbon. To each was fastened a card, and on them it read:



A tree fell toward her. Helen faced Santa Claus. He was in shirt sleeves.

"Caught red-handed, Barney boy!" called a voice from the stairs, and the door of the back studio apartment opened and two heads looked out reproachfully.

"Oh, Barney!"

BARNEY looked confused and warm. In the gloom of the upper stairway several faces looked down. He cleared his throat and stammered.

"Why, to tell the truth, Mrs.—er—Mrs.

"Mother-of-Chap," suggested a voice from the lower flight of stairs.

"Mrs. Mother-of-Chap," Barney took it up happily. "We are the rescue party. The reindeer ran away, you know, and we—anyway, we went after them and we're just helping unload, that's all. Can I help you in with the tree?"

"Can't we all help?" asked a plaintive voice from the back studio, and before Barney, the stranger, could catch her breath she found herself back in her own apartment, with a circle of her neighbors around her, all whispering, "Hush!"

And they wouldn't let her help. They made her sit down on the divan and give orders. Barney, and the man from upstairs who took baths every morning, set up the tree. Then the girls trimmed it, draped gold and silver ropes of glittering tissue over its dark rich boughs, hung dangling ornaments at every tip, tied chocolate dolls and strange candy animals and dazzling angels all around.

And Helen felt swept off her feet with the suddenness of the change. When the tree was trimmed to the satisfaction of all, they raised the windows and listened to the midnight bells pealing out their sweet old-world tidings to Manhattan. The same Manhattan that had seemed to Helen so lonely, so selfish, so far away in her hour of trouble. And suddenly it came to her, as she listened and looked at the eager, happy faces around her, that Christmas was not a thing of environment, of money, of locality. It is the great, glad-some spirit of good will in the hearts of men and women, the spirit that breaks down the little barriers conventionality hedges us around with about.

"I guess we'll better go, so the kiddie won't wake up," whispered Nell, Kate's sister, as she put her arm around Helen and shook her hand. "Now, you cheer up, lady mother, and go to bed. I only wish we could see his eyes when he wakes up. Make him stay in bed till you light up the candle."

Helen promised faithfully that she would, and thanked them over and over until Barney said his ears were turning as red as his hair from embarrassment. And when it was over, and she stood alone again in the studio, she knelt at the window and cried softly over their kindness.

BUT it was Chap who awakened her Christmas morning. She left his warm hand on her cheek, as he knelt beside her in his flannel pyjamas.

"Say, muver," he said excitedly. "HE'S been here."

She slipped on a kimono and went out



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in the studio. It was still dark. And while she hunted for a match, there came the familiar click of a key in the outer lock and the sound of Bob's tread in the hall. In a moment she was enfolded close in his arms, with Chap dancing madly around.

"Dear, I couldn't get in a minute sooner," Bob was saying, as he kissed her and patted her brown hair. "The train was snowed in this side of Altona. Don't you car, Chap, old man, the reindeer have run away, but we'll catch them tomorrow sure."

"They're caught!" cried Chap frantically. "He's been here, dad. Can't you see he has?"

As the light flared up, Bob stood and looked at the tree. Helen was lighting the little gaily colored candies one by one, and each bit of gold and silver tinsel caught the gleam. Chap put his hands where his pockets should have been and stared with a great, marvelling satisfaction at the whole proceeding.

"I knew he'd come," he said. "Gueth

somebody caught the reindeer all right, dad."

"Guess he did, buddy," said Bob solemnly.

"I hope he went to everybody in the building," added Chap thoughtfully.

"Cause I showed them all the telegram, so they'd be sure and know the reason why he couldn't come."

Helen and Bob looked blankly at each other. That telegram, betraying the condition of their exchequer, had gone the rounds of the studios, as a plausible excuse of why Santa Claus was delayed.

Chap glanced over his shoulder and wondered why his father had suddenly gathered "muver" up into his arms and seated himself in the rocking-chair, just as if she had been a little girl, all cuddled up in her pink kimono.

But Chap was a perfect gentleman, and he said nothing to interrupt them, not even when he heard her crying softly. There was ample excuse, he considered, for even a grown-up mother to cry. It isn't every Christmas the reindeer run away.

## 'Round London Town

By JOAN LITTLEFIELD  
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LONDON—Though lacking in its usual bright window displays and minus

the many children who were wont to clutter its pavements on dark but cheerful pre-Christmas afternoons, London is still displaying the Christmas spirit. In the street markets there is plenty of food—turkeys and oranges and bright-berryed holly—and though their trade is curtailed by the early black-out, street sellers still display their mechanical toys to admiring crowds of grown-ups on the pavements of Holborn.

Every big store has its Christmas bazaar, and, though German toys are lacking, the British manufacturers have stepped nobly into the breach, and the English child is as well catered for as ever. In the toy departments, however, one cannot forget the war. The mechanized toy soldier reigns supreme, though he does not wear the gay uniforms of the past, but is clad in khaki battle dress and is usually in charge of a tank or an armored car.

One Regent Street toy shop has displayed in its window a big Maginot Line lay-out, showing British and French soldiers fighting side by side, complete with anti-aircraft guns, balloons and tanks. The Home Front has not been neglected, and one of the most fascinating toys is a model of the balloon barrage. One may also buy sets of searchlights and anti-aircraft guns, firemen in full uniform, models of first-aid squads, complete with wounded, air raid wardens, and so on. Even dolls are topical, and you can buy them dressed in any of the uniforms of the various women's services.

A board game for black-out evenings, resembling "snakes and ladders," is called A.R.P. In it the player moves through the hazards of an air raid. Instead of fighting the open mouth of a poisonous reptile, dice throwers will be wary of gas bombs, incendiary bombs and similar horrors, in an endeavor to alight on a decontamination centre or a fire station.

Wooden toys from Bavaria have been replaced by toys made in English villages. An Englishman who started making wooden boats for a year or so ago now produces constructional toys, including swing boats and merry-go-rounds, for a West End store. Another shop displays leather horses and dogs, hand-made by a woman who models them from life.

The most popular toy of all, however, is still a replica—either soft or hard, but preferably soft and fury—of the Baby Giant Panda at the London Zoo.

### Royal Cards to Services

THE King and Queen are sending out Christmas cards as usual. This year they are sending cards to certain members of the three fighting services, including those serving in Dominion navies.

The distribution will be similar to that approved by King George V and Queen Mary at Christmas, 1914. The cards will be sent to all men serving in seagoing ships flying the White Ensign (including mine-sweeping and anti-submarine trawlers and armed merchant cruisers), and to those serving in hospital ships.

### Lost Articles Increase

THE blue-black gloom of our buses after dark is causing Londoners to lose their belongings more than ever. At the London Passenger Transport Board's lost property office in pre-war days there was an average of nearly 1,200 inquiries a day. In the year ended June, 1939, there were 9,889 more articles lost than in the previous year, the total being 330,838.

Figures since the war began are not yet complete, but the lost property office now houses a permanent stock of 4,000 gas masks, and far more people come in search of umbrellas than hitherto.

### Plain Dresses Favored

MANY of London's fashion houses have been taking their shows on tour to the provinces. Besides making good sales, they have found out a thing or two about the present fancies of Englishwomen.

Today, they say, few people here change into even the most simple dinner dress in the evening. They are all doing some sort of war work and have little time for leisure. They want only suits—though suits of all types—and plain woolen dresses and coats. But they love color, and are sick to death of black and the

NEARLY all of us like to hang up stockings at Christmas time. Not all homes have fireplaces, but the old tradition persists. One of the thrills of the season is to prepare one's stocking, or that of an older person, if one's own seems too small for the anticipated Christmas gifts.

Then there is the delightful certainty that jolly old St. Nicholas will drive up with his reindeers and tumble down the chimney with his pack of toys, leaving some for all well-behaved children. And at Christmas time it is difficult to imagine any youngsters who feel that they have not been able to qualify. However, there are enough doubts to add to the interest of the occasion by furnishing some measure of suspense.

The origin of the custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve is wrapped in obscurity. One legend offers this explanation:

Many years ago in the Old World there lived a man who was both wealthy and kindly. He was so noted for his charitable works that after his death he was known as St. Nicholas. His name has come down to us in the Dutch form, Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas went to extraordinary lengths to veil in secrecy his deeds of charity. Once it is said he wished to give a dowry to a poor girl whose father could not afford to give her the requisite aid to enable her to marry. Not wishing to let the family know who the benefactor was, St. Nicholas climbed to the top of their humble abode on Christmas Eve and dropped the purse of gold down the chimney. It happened to light in the stocking hanging in front of the fireplace.

Ever since that time, gifts given in the spirit of St. Nicholas have been deposited in stockings hung up before the fireplace on Christmas Eve. So it is apparent the fireplace is a Santa Claus and that

# The Toy Shop Window

"IT'S expensive," said the man, rubbing his chin speculatively, "but it's a beauty. We didn't have things like that when I was a kid." He turned the shiny electric locomotive in his hands, examined the wheels and nickel rods minutely. The clerk behind the counter was hopeful.

Forty-dollar train sets didn't sell every day, and there was a bonus on sales like that.

"It has automatic couplers—electrically controlled from the switchboard, you know. Makes it much more interesting for the child," the clerk said eagerly. "I'll show you!" He placed the locomotive on the large track that filled the front of the toy shop, coupled on four cars and pressed a little button on the panel before him. The train glided away, her wheels spinning, rapidly picked up speed. The clerk pressed another button and the engine shot away from the cars, which slowed down to a halt until the locomotive circled around the track and bunted into them from behind.

The man laughed. "Being a railroad man," he said, "I should say that was bad railroading! Should have had a flagman out!" He leaned up against the counter and looked at the train through half-closed eyes. In his mind he could see a small boy on Christmas morning coming down the stairs, giving a little cry of delight when he saw it—that is, he should. Any other kid would, but Dennis was different. Different in a way that George Thorne, for the life of him, could never understand. Possibly that was because Dennis wasn't his own. The thought troubled him in a vague sort of way, filled him with a recurrent doubt that he strove to fight back, because since Dennis had come, eight months before, Thorne's whole life centred about this blue-eyed boy of seven years, who was under the handicap of being brought up among grown-ups—and that can be bad for a boy's mind.

Thorne noticed a shadowy form outside of the window—he had been aware of it earlier, in fact. Now, he looked closer and saw a tousled-headed boy with his nose pressed against the glass, looking at that electric train with something akin to love in his eyes.

Somewhat George Thorne saw—in that face an expression of wistfulness that brought back memories of his own childhood. There was that little-boy look, a combination of eager anticipation and hope that cut through to the hardest heart and brings a lump to the throat.

(Thorne tried to imagine Dennis looking through a window like that. Tried—and failed. Dennis' mouth was too hard, the corners had that habit of turning down. His eyes were too cold, and bright.) He turned to the clerk.

"Who's the little chap out there?"

With an apologetic laugh, the bespectacled man explained.

"He's there pretty nearly all the time, looking at this train. You know how kids are! His father works on the railroad, tends a crossing downtown."

"Um-m-m. I see!" George Thorne pursed his lips, looked once more at the electric train and the little boy outside the window. He snapped his fingers and said: "I'll take it." He fumbled in his pocket for the money. "Send it out to 534 Maple Drive tonight after nine. I don't want it to arrive before my boy is in bed."

The salesman laughed gratefully and quickly wrote out the sales slip. Thorne pulled up his coat collar and stepped outside the door. The little boy stood there yet, watching the salesman take the precious train out of the window. The boy looked up at George Thorne as he passed, with tragedy and disappointment in his eyes. The wonderful train was gone. His train—the one he had watched for the past three weeks was sold. Of course nobody could understand that it was his train. That part existed only in his mind, but it was just as surely as Christmas was the day after tomorrow, and nobody had any real right to go in there and buy it!

The railroad man trudged on up the street towards home and a good supper.

(He didn't see the two large tears that filled the tousled-headed boy's eyes, nor the savage way he brushed them aside and resolutely turned his footsteps away from that window.)

No. 534 Maple Drive was a rambling brown-stone house of the late nineties, surrounded by a sheltering wall of tall puglars. Not too pretentious nor ornate, it bespoke a certain rank, a solidity and background which a century and a half had brought to the Thorne name in Glendale county.

Martha Thorne dried her eyes hastily and got up from the chair as she heard footsteps in the hall. George slid out of his coat and walked towards her, smiling ruefully.

"Now, now, what is this? Crying? And at your age?"

"It's nothing, nothing at all," she said and tried to laugh. Her voice was shaking, her face white.

Martha Thorne was a slight, frail woman in the late forties. Her life revolved around her husband and her home, which twenty years had moulded into a set routine of peace and tranquillity. They both loved children, and when Dennis came, each thought that it was just the



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thing, to have the joy of bringing a boy to manhood, watching the moulding of his character.

But they reckoned without remembering that Dennis wasn't like other little boys of his age. They forgot that a boy who has always been alone, whose mother had substituted material things for a mother's love and endearment because her social obligations were too pressing—is very liable to turn cynical, have little sense of values, and quite possibly be worldly wise beyond his years.)

George Thorne sat down on the edge of the Chesterfield, drew his wife down beside him.

"Come now," he said. "Tell me what it is. Bee in the bonnet somewhere, isn't there?"

"It's Dennis," she said abruptly.

George Thorne's mouth hardened in a straight line.

"What is it now?"

"Listen, George, we've got to get this settled once and for all." She sat up very straight as she spoke. "The way things are going, we are not doing that child any good whatever. He must be taught to obey—that this world was not created solely for him."

"Martha, what have you got against that boy?"

"I have nothing against him. It's just—well, he's been spoiled. If that isn't taken out of him soon, it will be just too

bad later on—for him. There'll be a day when he has to make his own way—and if he gets everything now, and is allowed to do just as he pleases—it's no good, George. Today, when I caught him messin' about in your books, he had the impertinence to tell me to mind my own business—"

"He didn't mean anything by it—"

"That's just the point. He didn't mean anything by it. It doesn't mean anything to him that people older than himself should merit respect. He has no inkling of discipline—and he never will, until you take him in hand—make him understand that things have to be earned in this world. It's for his own sake, George, and you've got to realize that—"

George Thorne stood up impatiently and said: "Martha, we've been over this thing hundreds of times, and I've told you that I love that kid more than anything else in the world—"

"More than anything else in the world?"

"—and I've always wanted a boy—you know that. We've never been able to have a child. We have got Dennis, and he's—oh, what's the use? I know you expect me to thrash the lad. Somehow I can't bring myself to that. His nature wouldn't allow it—"

"His nature! That's fine talk coming from a man like you! You're ruining that boy, George—he's becoming a conceited, insufferable little despot—and you're ruin-

ing our life together, too. We never had arguments or quarrels like this before he came—"

The clock over the mantel chimed unconcernedly as Mrs. Thorne swept out of the room. Her husband shrugged, touched a match to a cigar and slumped into a high-backed chair.

He felt wrong inside, as if something were radically wrong in the accustomed scheme of events and everyday life.

Snow fell on Christmas Eve. Great big flakes that covered the gabled roof on the Thorne house—and the tarpaper that covered the small house where lived the kid who had stood at the toyshop window. His name was Johnny McLaren, and right there he wasn't paying much attention to what was going on in the house. His mother was trying to instill a little of the Christmas spirit into the household with a few draggled decorations—relics of better times.

Unobtrusively, Johnny slid into his little coat and sidled out of the door with an air of determination on his face.

Just one more look, anyway. There might be a window through which he could see the train being set up under a big Christmas tree.

Johnny kicked his way through the snow on Mott Street and up the high road to the other end of town. It was a long walk, through air that was cold and clear

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in the room with an air of insolent assurance not

to be beaten.

But what about the other little boy who had started down the stairs as Johnny began creeping towards the house? Of course, it was Dennis, and, reaching the bottom of the stairs he strode into the room with an air of insolent assurance not

to be beaten.

"That's right. It was you who stood outside the window when I bought it. I remember now."

"—but I didn't mean to break the window, sir. Honest, I didn't. I'll—I'll work, do anything to pay you back. It was just that I got sort of excited when I saw—what happened to the engine. Maybe it's not broke though."

Thorne pursed his lips and rubbed his chin and then said:

"Perhaps it's not." Then he looked from Dennis to Johnny and from Johnny to Dennis. Finally he stood up.

"Martha, take this young fellow to the kitchen and give him a cup of hot chocolate and keep him here until I get back. Now Dennis, you come with me."

He left the room. Dennis followed meekly enough.

Strange noises emanated a little later from an upstairs room; noises punctuated by certain business-like rhythmic smacks that kept up for a time.

The smacks ended, but the other noises continued for a little while, and then after they had died down, George Thorne reappeared. His face was somewhat flushed, and his hair was decidedly askew. But he was smiling.

"And now, young fellow, let's go and see if this engine is really broken!"

It wasn't.

"No, no, no, I repeat," said Thorne. "I won't be as crazy as send a train like that to the kid. Knowing how they live it wouldn't be right. It isn't even right for a kid like Dennis to have one like that."

"Changed your mind, haven't you?" said Martha, and there was a sly light in her eyes. They were warm and soft again, too.

"Maybe I have at that," he chuckled, sliding an affectionate arm over her shoulder. "And it's so much the better. Dennis will have his Christmas—but he'll learn what it means—to him and to us. He's going to learn a lot. And young Johnny there—well, come on now, it's not too late. Put on your bonnet and we'll go Christmas shopping again!"

"Together—just the two of us?"

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and invigorating. Johnny didn't mind at all.

It was nearly eight o'clock when he stopped outside the cedar hedge that encircled the Thorne house; stopped, and glanced furtively about before slipping between two of the bushes to secure a clear view of the house, sitting back from the road with its yellow windows gleaming kindly onto the crystal-like snow.

Johnny moved forward, slowly. There was the need for caution—and then, too, there was the deep snow.

(Just about the same time another little boy was creeping downstairs. He, too, was moving slowly. Only the light in his eyes was a little different—).

(The rest happened quickly. There were loud voices, and then Mrs. Thorne started to cry and slumped into a chair, while her husband tried to placate the boy who was screaming and stamping his feet.)

And then it came in a rush. Dennis dashed out with a slipped foot and caught the shiny locomotive amidstships, sending it and several cars thudding over on its side. There was a crash of broken glass and a wild cry—but they came from the direction of the window where slivers of the broken pane were dropping to the rug below and a cold wind began whistling in through the jagged hole!

"I should have got away faster" thought Johnny as he floundered through the snow and the man behind kept gaining—and the hedge was so far away—"But I didn't mean to do it—I hardly knew I broke it—I'm sorry, God—please let me get home—please," and then the man's hand fell heavy on his collar.)

It was a hundred years later—and yet everything was the same. Mrs. Thorne was still sitting in the chair, although she wasn't crying any more—and Dennis was still standing there, although he looked a little frightened, and the train still lay on its side and the hole was still in the window.

Johnny didn't understand it. It seemed so long ago that he stood out there and looked in—and now he was inside. But he was afraid. Breaking windows was a serious business. There was that time with Skinny Neyman down at the old apple warehouse—

The man was talking, and Johnny tried to pay respectful attention.

"So you just crawled back to have a last look at the train, did you? Sure you didn't come to steal something?"

Johnny was emphatic. "Honest, mister, it was only to see the train—that's all. I'd watched it every day down at Martin's store—an' an', well, I sorta figured it was my train, an' that night you bought it—I felt bad an' I wondered what kind of a boy would get it. You see, mister, that's a very special train—I know. It's no little wind-up thing." Not that train."

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## A Christmas Message

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THE road to Christmas is a snowy road, and it winds between white fields and dark, wood-covered hills to a lamp-lit farmhouse far out in the country.

The air is cool, crisp, and so still that the silvery tinkling of the sleigh bells carries a long way. The night sky is a deep and rich blue-black in which the stars look warm and friendly. The fields have gone to sleep for the Winter, and the snow which is only an unsubstantial cloak for the world which we do not see; that the human soul, with its cargo of dreams and desires which are too fragile for realization on this hard earth, is imperishable and eternal; that we shall some day be able to become the people that we ought to be today.

There is no special reason why we cannot keep that in mind day in and day out, all through the year. But we don't. Life itself gets in our way, with its demand on our time and our energy, its disappointments and its disillusionments, its brutalities and its meannesses.

This story is nothing less than a reassurance that all our most wistful and fragile dreams are true. It is our eternal reminder that the world which we see is only an unsubstantial cloak for the world which we do not see; that the human soul, with its cargo of dreams and desires which are too fragile for realization on this hard earth, is imperishable and eternal; that we shall some day be able to become the people that we ought to be today.

We worship the Prince of Peace, and make the earth horrible with our wars; we worship One who scorned wealth, and spend our days in a frantic scramble after money; we worship a God of Justice, and permit the most shocking injustices to fill our land, year in and year out. Since we do those contradictory things, it is only natural that we should also lose sight of the most fundamental truth of all, and forget that there are a divinity and a high destiny in every

# Birds, Pebbles and Waifs of Weed

By ROBERT CONNELL

**D**OWN St. Charles Street the rowanberries are fast disappearing from the trees, where a fortnight before they made so brave a show. Now the robins are at them and the pavements are strewn with the scarlet debris. This love of the rowan's fruit connects our bird with the British mistle-thrush or stormcock, as well as with that other thrush known as the blackbird.

Vincent Grey, in his book, "The Charm of Birds," specially refers to the mistle-thrush's "harsh chuckle about a mountain-ash tree" as one of the "common sounds of early Autumn." But my goal is the seashore where the birds of the salt water congregate, and where, in Swinburne's words:

"Waifs of weed

Lie flat like drenched hair indeed,

Rolled over with the pebbles."

In a few minutes I am beside the Ross Bay seawall which still bears the marks of the devastating waves of a few years ago. Today the high tide and the after-effects of a hard blow combine to make the waves dash, fiercely, though harmlessly against the concavity of the wall's outer face. Below the cemetery the long waves strike at an angle to the wall so that little more than a cross-section of the breaker is running up the hollow cement slope at a given moment, and moves with declining force along the surface. But where the wave first strikes it throws its spray high in the air and not infrequently over the balustrade, so that here and there lie little shallow pools of salt water. Beyond the southwest corner of the cemetery the parapet railing is absent, and the waves strike with their whole length parallel to the wall, so that the walker must be prepared for a thorough drenching if he takes that way. As I follow Dallas Road up the incline I look out over the wind-swept waves and notice the few birds to be seen there. A gull or two, and a few pairs of scoters, buffleheads and blue-bills, appearing and disappearing with successive crest and trough. In the angle made by the projection of Clover Point an assemblage of logs floated in by wind and wave, heaves up and down, and swings about in response to the current.

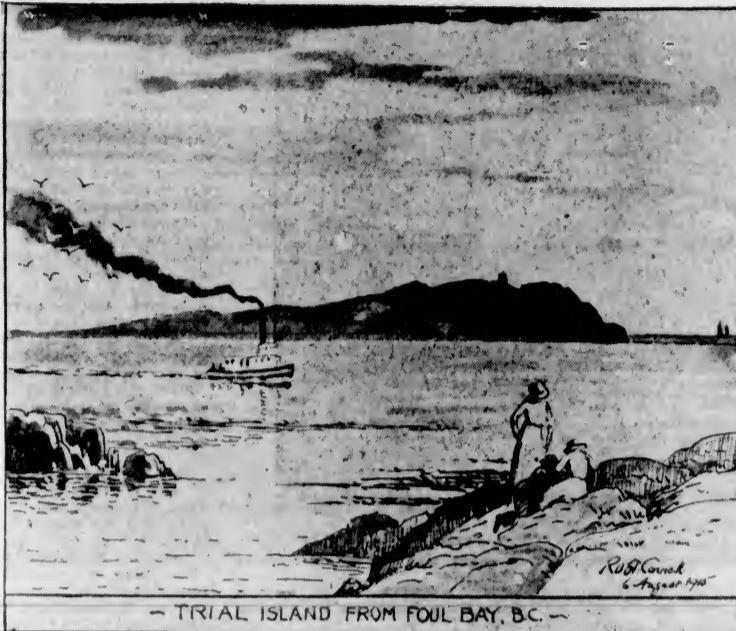
## Southeast Wind

**A**T the point and just below the old target-mound the scene is lively and animated. The wind blows from the southeast across the extremity, as in company with two small boys I look down on the moving expanse of waves with its thousands of birds. Immediately below us hundreds of Bonaparte gulls are feeding on the wing, restlessly flying to and fro with frequent dropping to pick at the surface of the water for food. Getting down out of the wind among the rocks I find myself close to a number of birds standing ashore. Most of these are glaucous-winged gulls, but one, the nearest to me, is smaller and with a comparatively light grey back, a yellow beak with a bright red spot on the lower part, and greenish legs and feet. I speak with hesitation of gulls, but it seems likely that this bird is a California gull, an adult as yet with little change in plumage.

On the west side of the point the sea is comparatively calm, so much so indeed that reflections are seen in the water. Here there is little movement, the birds are chiefly resting quietly on the water. The exceptions are the diving scoters, eiders and buffleheads, the latter, in particular, going under energetically and frequently. These sea ducks occupy the outer edge of the densely-populated fringes of protected water, and are scattered far into the distance along the inner waters. Here and there is seen the black form of a cormorant swimming slowly with head upturned; one in the distance is seated in characteristic attitude on some floating bladder-keip. Occasionally one passes with quickly-beating wings and outstretched neck, flying a few feet above the water. Close in the gulls monopolize the scene. For the most part they are comparatively small birds, smaller, that is to say, than the California gull. They have an exceedingly trim appearance, due, I think, to the black and white pattern of their long-wing tips which cross each other and extend beyond the tail, and they float high at the stern like an eighteenth century ship. While I am watching them half a dozen turnstones fly past below showing their pretty black-and-white-patterned backs and wings.

## Logs and the Sea

**D**ESCENDING to the shore where the clay cliffs begin I find a sufficient margin for walking between the washed-up logs and the sea. The beach is composed of large pebbles whose colors are brought out bravely by the wetting they receive from the waves. As, of course, everyone knows a wet pebble is very different from a dry one, and many a one brought home proudly from the sea in the first burst of admiration has later been discarded because of its dullness. The surface coating of water acts like varnish or like the polished surface the lapidary obtains with much trouble. But the pebbles that have ordinarily a fine, smooth surface are less affected than others by wetness and dryness, and these are chiefly



- TRIAL ISLAND FROM FOUL BAY, B.C. -

agates and cherts of various colors and some of the very fine-grained basalts, or they may be composed of a dark material containing brightly contrasting white quartz or felspar, or they may be pale in color with large and well-formed crystals of hornblende or augite, dark green or black. In fact, a very interesting collection of pebbles might be made from our beaches, illustrating the volcanic and intrusive igneous rocks, and the rocks that have been converted by the infiltration of heated silica-bearing waters into a state greatly harder than their original one. The great majority of the pebbles are of foreign origin; that is to say, they are derived from rock masses far removed from the beaches they now occupy. Some have come from the Coast Range and from the

interior of the province, others from the mountains of our Island's backbone. All these have been transported by ice and represent first the processes of weathering and ice-plucking, and then the grinding and abrasion undergone in the clutches of the great ice-sheet and its tributary glaciers. It is interesting to note how many of these pebbles and especially the larger kinds called "cobble-stones" retain the general form impressed upon them by the ice. Sometimes as many as five or more distinctly flat sides occur. They constitute faces or "facets" such as lapidaries confer on precious stones, and are the result of the grinding that takes place at the bottom of the glacier, where it is in contact with the bedrock. They are glacial boulders in miniature. Originally they

doubtless bore scratches on their faces, but these have been removed by their subsequent experiences in the water. Some of them have even lost one or more of their faces and have become proportionally rounded, but it is surprising how many even of the quite small ones, an inch and a half or so long, have retained their faceted character.

## Pebbles on the Shore

**O**NE of the interesting pebbles I find along the beach here is black, and even when dry has a velvety smoothness. Two inches long, an inch and three-quarters broad, and an inch deep, it has five quite flat faces and three not quite so well defined. The material is too hard to scratch with a knife; on the contrary, it

scratches an ordinary knife-blade. It is apparently a piece of metamorphosed shale resembling what is variously known as lydian-stone, lydite, basanite, or just plain touchstone, long used for trying the purity of precious metals by comparison of the mark left with that of alloys. The pebble is hardly jet black enough, however, for this. Another more rounded pebble which yet still retains two or three facets is composed of quartz and felspar intergrown as a base, the felspar being distinguished by its milky color and the susceptibility of its surface to the point of a knife. In this base are imbedded scores of crystals of dark hornblende, showing all possible angles and attitudes. Some of them are visible only as small specks, but there are many from an eighth of an inch to a quarter. As the pebble is turned in the hand the hornblende facets flash in the light. When damp these porphyritic crystals are quite black.

But if I allow myself to be absorbed in attention to the pebbles I do not know where I shall stop. Not only are they innumerable, but the obviously interesting ones are so plentiful that I can well imagine a man devoting all his time to their study. When you consider that this means the kind of rock of which each is composed, its mode of origin, the locality from which it came, and so on, you will see what a field is opened up for investigation. It recalls the patient work of an English geologist who has spent a lifetime in a single quarry, working steadily through its fossil remains.

But little seaweed is washed up on the beach today and this is probably due to the heavy seas occurring with high tides.

The greater part by far of the marine plants live along and below the low-tide level. Consequently, when low tides expose them to heavy gales, large quantities are torn away and carried up on the shore. A few small heaps lie behind logs and their rotting substance has attracted numbers of common yellowish dung-flies. A small dark fly is very abundant, passing east in continuous flight. Clusters of desmarestia like long black hair attract attention chiefly, because of the numerous small tufts of a creamy color that grow among its wiry fronds. These tufts are colonies of bryozoans, minute animals that occupy individual, but related cells, and whose common receptacle is branched. Each cell has four or five slender spines,

plainly visible under a magnifying glass. Under the compound microscope the details are, of course, seen more perfectly. Diatoms are occasionally found attached to the bryozoan branches. One of these is a beautiful disk-shaped one with exquisite markings, a rather uncommon species.

## Some Red Seaweed

**T**WO kinds of red seaweed I come across, perfect specimens, but only one or two of each. The first is a Callophyllum, a very pretty flat-branching species of a clear Indian red, branching increasingly outwards until the tips are slender pairs. Being thin it mounts well and so shows its character distinctly. One of the specimens I get has another seaweed growing on it, which I have never before come across. It is little thicker than a hair and the longest piece is about an inch and a half long. It is quite easily seen when the larger plant is mounted, but when the frond of the latter is fresh its little companion is quite easily overlooked.

Under the microscope the thread-like frond is seen to be made up of a number of round joints alternating regularly, large and small, and from the base of these jointed branchlets grow out. It answers most nearly to the genus Champia, which so far as I know has not before been reported from here. Smaller seaweeds growing on larger ones are quite commonly met with. The habit is not necessarily parasitic any more than the ivy's growth on a tree. Parasitic seaweeds, however, do occur, generally so far as I know, taking the form of growths in the substance of the host's frond.

The second seaweed I find washed up is also a red one, but the color has more of rose in it. It is a Nitophyllum. The names of plants are not always as happy as these Greek designations. Callophyllum means "beautiful leaf," and Nitophyllum, "shining leaf." The latter refers to the silky quality of the frond, especially evident when fresh. The edge of the thin, flat branches in this species of Nitophyllum are very commonly trimmed with a diminutive frill, which on examination under a glass, is seen to be filled with small, dark, spore-bodies, resembling in position and general character the spore groups on the edge of the frond of bracken or maidenhair fern. To the red silk some very minute tufts of the bryozoans described above have attached themselves and look like fairy embroidery on the dark red ground.

It is interesting to see on the clay cliffs the Grindelia or gum-weed blooming quite freely in spite of the month being December. Not single blossoms far apart, but numerous ones everywhere exhibiting their rather lemon-colored disks. It is one of the ornaments of our cliffs, but it has a practical value, too, since it is one of the plants valuable in holding together the soil in places much exposed to erosion. Seaside plants are very often found blooming in the Winter, partly because of the moderating influence of the salt water on the air, and partly, perhaps, because these plants of the shore and cliff are tough and hardy in constitution.

## Dandelion Plants

**C**OMPETING with the occasional dandelion plants in flower I find a plant or two of Brassica in flower. The Latin name of this genus stood originally for "cabbage" as the Romans knew it. From two wild Brassicas of Europe and Northern Asia are derived the common cabbage and the turnip. These, of course, have given rise to a great number of varieties. Perhaps you know Mark Twain's aphorism: "The cauliflower is a cabbage with a college education." The wild cabbage which is found in the south of England on the sea cliffs is called Brassica oleracea, and is undoubtedly the ancestor of our cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and kale. It is interesting to find it growing on our Dallas Road cliffs, where it has escaped from cultivation and gone back to the parent form. It is from the Brassica campestris form we get our true turnips (not the kohlrabi or turnip-cabbage, which is a cabbage with a swollen stem below, white and yellow, and the rape). A very interesting book compounded of botany, history and economics, both political and domestic, might be written about Brassica and its offshoots. We may pay little attention to these little clusters of lemon-colored flowers on the cliffs, but a traveler in China many years ago waxed enthusiastic about the fields of gold he saw in China, rich with the flowers of a Chinese cabbage.

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"You've no sense of values. Too attached to your precious belongings."

"Yes, I do care too much for material possessions? After wartime France, her sense of values changed. But still that love of 'things'!"

"That antique frame! If only I'd put in an extra screw eye!" almost tearfully.

"Run the wire through both—"

"Quer, this isn't even cracked!" tapping the sampler glass.

"That wouldn't matter. But the decanter—that wonderful one we brought from Prague!"

"Well, not such a great tragedy. Got several others, haven't you?"

"Not like this. I'm just sick over it!" tremulously gathering the clear and milk-white fragments. "Oh, it spoils my home-

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"Yes, I do care too much for material possessions? After this trip—I really thought I wouldn't. But when I saw that decanter—"

"Well, Kitten, here's a chance to keep the library. Just forget that decanter—and we'll have the best Christmas yet!"

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## In Snowdrift Land

The trees that once were bright and gay.

And full of leafy shade,

Are sleeping this December day.

Down in the sylvan glade.

The chipmunks that delighted you

By eating from your hand

Are sleeping the long Winter through

Far out in snowdrift land.

You fear your woodland friends are dead

Because they can't be seen,

But they have only gone to bed—

Hidden by Winter's screen.

—Henry H. Graham.

## A Christmas Homecoming Features Helen's Broken Vow

A Helen and Warren Story

By MARIE HERBERT TURNER

**T**HE waiting crowd on the pier. Upturned faces, waving hands. Emotional greetings of friends and relatives. After a wartime crossing—the almost hysterical relief. And a Christmas Eve arrival! In time for Christmas at home.

Coming down the gangplank, Helen scatters the swarm of faces. Yes, there by the barring rope, Warren's secretary!

The unusual warmth of her welcome. For once shaken out of her coldly impersonal attitude.

"Oh, we've all been so anxious! Everyone's been calling up. You don't know how many friends you have!"

"Needn't have worried. Only sighted one submarine—and it didn't waste a shot on us," grinned Warren.

"Well, we're certainly glad to have you back safe."

Now down the pier to the initial "C." But none of their luggage off yet.

As they waited, Miss Martin's office reported. Checking up on two unrecieved cables. The war-burdened wires.

Soon their steward bringing the suitcase. Then a dock porter with the trunk.

Usually over an hour getting through the customs. But tonight surprisingly quick. And no duty to pay—so few purchases to declare.

Up in their apartment, Helen's real

homecoming thrill. Joyously darting about. Turning on all the lights.

For this hurried trip, no shroudng sheets. Rugs left down, curtains up. Not the usual dismantled gloom.

When they dropped her at the subway, again her warm "Glad to have you safely back."

"And we're darn glad to get back!" Warren shifted the suitcase as they taxied on. "Not such a bad place to be."

"I know," Helen's emotional response.

"And I've always loved Europe so. I've never felt really patriotic before!"

Staring out at the dingy warehouses. A familiar dock-to-home route. But never before in Winter. The sidewalks banked with soot-greedy snow.

After eight. Everything closed. Yet even this dark desolation not so grim as blacked-out Paris.

Soon bright animated streets. Flashing signs. Everywhere the holiday red and green.

"Dear, all these lights! After the black streets over there—it seems so strange!"

"Seems darn good!" clipping a cigar. "Guess the apartment won't look so bad, either."

"Oh, we should be so grateful! A lovely home to come back to. But whatever it was like—just to have a home!"

"That's right, Kitten. All those poor homeless devils over there."

The pitiful refugees! Uprooted—driven from their homes. And losing all their possessions. With Helen's love of "things," that seemed heartbreaking.

"After seeing such tragedies—Oh,

"they'll know I can't send anything till after Christmas. And I can get something wonderful then."

"Yes, and shuffle around what they've sent you!" disgustedly. "Not have to wait till next year to pass 'em on! Talk about sentiment—"

"But what clutter up with presents I can't use? I always give them to someone who can. Oh, before anything else—I'm sending a Christmas cheque for refugees!"

"Not this trip!" her face against his arm. "I realize now what a horrid routine it is!"

"And when I think of all we have! Safety—security. And our home!"

"Then you're not putting on the usual record?" he grinned. "No kicks about getting back to routine?"

"But now I've only to remember those refugees. The dazed way they huddled at the railroad stations. Their pathetic bundles—"

"Pretty grim, all right."

"And when I think of all we have! Safety—security. And our home!"

# Compulsory War Saving

A New Economy—Democratic Action—Political Campaigns—Communist Reversals—Danger in Radium—Dreaded Diseases



LONDON (By Mail).—One of the distinguished people whom Mr. G. G. McGee, K.C., M.P., of Vancouver, counts among his personal friends is Professor J. M. Keynes, of Cambridge University. Professor Keynes is world-famous as an economist. While he was still in his thirties he was appointed British financial expert at Versailles, a position he resigned against the reparations clauses in the treaty. His reasons for condemning them were made public shortly afterwards in a book which caused no little sensation nearly twenty years ago. "The Economic Consequences of the Peace." Events have since largely justified the position he took at that time.

Eminent as he is, however, Professor Keynes is regarded by other eminent economists as not by any means orthodox. This was why, when another unorthodox economist, Mr. McGee, propounded some strange new doctrines on currency about ten years ago he entered into correspondence with the professor, and subsequently, when paying his official visit to this country as Mayor of Vancouver, became his guest at Cambridge.

If, then, one of these days, Mr. McGee suggests compulsory war savings to the Canadian Minister of Finance, he will be taking a leaf out of the book of his English friend. For that is exactly what Professor Keynes has proposed should be initiated in this country.

#### After Last War

In the course of an elaboration of his scheme, Professor Keynes goes back into history of the last war. He points out that a rise in prices of commodities was followed by advances in wage scales which, in its turn, caused another rise in prices, and so on in a "vicious spiral."

He now observes that prices and wages are already advancing by leaps and bounds, and estimates that the latter will increase in the aggregate by \$2,500,000,000 a year. This will provide a large increase in the spending money of the workers, but rising prices will deprive them of any advantage in the long run, and in the end nobody will be any better off.

Obviously, the only remedy is a checking of consumption which may be accomplished to some extent by higher taxation, rationing and anti-profligacy measures. None of these, in Professor Keynes' opinion, nor all of them together, would be found sufficient.

In brief, he urges that the Government shall sequester rising percentages of all earnings above a given minimum. Thus the \$15-a-week man would pay in \$3 a week, the \$25-a-week man \$6.25, and so on up to the very wealthy persons who draw \$100,000 a year or more, and who would have to surrender \$80,000.

The receipts would be divided between savings and taxation. They would all be savings for persons earning no more than \$30 a week. After that a percentage would be set aside as taxation, small for the lower incomes, but increasing until the man from whom \$80,000 was taken would receive back, in a savings account, only \$15,000.

It would follow that, by and by, every person subject to the levy would have a postoffice savings account with a nice little nest-egg bearing interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. But he would not be able to touch it, except in very special circumstances. It would remain in the hands of the Government throughout the war and as long afterwards as was found necessary.

As will be seen, for wage-earners the scheme would be one of deferred payments, and for others one of forced loans.

#### Plan Looks Sound

ON paper the plan looks very sound. It would bear hardly on those whose incomes are falling instead of rising, and who are already compelled to reduce their expenditures. But it would affect the consumption of commodities by a large class which at present is not subject to direct taxation.

It has, however, one major defect. It would be most unpopular with rich and poor alike. It might be successfully imposed under a dictatorship, but not in free Britain—not, at least, until the population had been brought by a long course of propaganda to accept it. It is not enough in a democracy that a scheme should be efficient. People must be persuaded that it is efficient if it is to be found workable.

As it happens, there is a method of ready to hand, with which the public of this country is quite familiar, and which has the advantage of being voluntary. It was first tried in 1917. Late in 1915, Professor Keynes had told the Government that at the rate at which it was then spending money on the war it would be at the end of its tether in the Spring of 1916. Some of the ministers lost their nerve, but Mr. Lloyd George insisted, not only on carrying on without reducing the scale, but also on increasing it as might be found necessary.

More and more money was needed, and after another year of expenditure then regarded as terrific (we are spending \$30,000,000 a day now, reckoning \$5 to the pound sterling), the Chancellor of the Exchequer was delighted to discover an untouched reservoir of wealth, the savings of the littleman.

So the National Savings Certificate was

invented. It cost \$3.75 and if held for ten years could then be cashed for \$6.50, free of income tax. If memory serves, it was about that time that Canada's first great Victory Loan campaign was begun and we were invited to buy Canadian war bonds "until it hurt."

The National Savings Certificates were an enormous success from the very first, and the Government has had recourse to this method of borrowing money again

houses, the prices of gilt-edged securities remaining as firm as a rock after the announcement. The move is regarded as the surest safeguard against inflation.

#### Parliament Acts

THE session of Parliament just closed was notable in many ways. Its outstanding achievement, however, was its demonstration that a great democratic institution can, in case of necessity, act with

independent Labor Party, however, have put up a candidate, and now Stretford will have to go to the polls.

Humor has been injected into the situation by the Communists, who, since the Hitler-Stalin pact, have become a political laughing-stock in this country. They have offered to help the Independent Labor Party in forming a "united front" with it. The offer has been rejected with scorn.

the Belgian Congo, and the price fell from \$80,000 to \$25,000 a gramme, the price ruling just before the war.

"If Sir Leonard had made this statement two years ago," continued the specialist, "he might have caused a sensation in the profession. Today, surgeons will tell you quietly that many of them share his view, but they do not speak of it outside. They are turning to other methods, and we in this country are hoping that much will be achieved by the radio-active elements produced by the cyclotron."

Other views obtained showed that opinion was divided. "Results have been obtained in a great many early cases—breast cases and others—by the use of radium which induce many surgeons to disagree with Sir Leonard," said one leading authority.

#### Cancer Mortality

AN increase in cancer mortality is one of the outstanding facts in the annual report of the chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health, Sir Arthur MacNaughton, just published.

On the other hand, infant mortality, maternal mortality and tuberculosis registered the lowest rates on record. Diphtheria, however, remains the "principal killing disease among children."

The birth rate for the year under review, 1938, shows a slight rise over that of 1937, from 14.9 to 15.1 per 1,000 living. The infant mortality rate, 54 per 1,000 births, as against 58 for 1938, is now the lowest on record.

The five principal killing diseases remain the same as for many years past, and occur in the same order, namely:

1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system.

2. Cancer—malignant disease.

3. Bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases.

4. Diseases of the nervous system.

5. All forms of tuberculosis.

The increase in the mortality from cancer is more marked in the case of women than of men. It is questioned, however, whether the disease is increasing in prevalence, the ground being taken that advances in diagnosis and greater longevity

both tend to increase the number of recorded cases.

Sir Arthur, in the course of his introductory remarks, discussing the assumption that progress, in the sense of betterment, is inevitable, submits that it is necessary to ask whether advancement in one direction does not entail retardation in another, since such a scourge as tuberculosis is one of the penalties levied on mankind for the attainment of a high degree of civilization.

"The central nervous system of man," he concludes, "is being dragged at the chariot wheels of modern progress," so that State medicine must increasingly pay attention to the prevention and treatment of nervous fatigue.

#### The Toy Industry

HISTORY is repeating itself in the toy trade. The Great War did a great deal to establish Britain's toy industry at the expense of Germany, and now the British blockade is having similar effects.

The biggest toy manufacturers in Great Britain, and probably in the world, state that their Christmas export orders this year are far greater than those of last year. The war, apparently, has stimulated the trade, for orders during October, 1938, showed a big advance on those for October, 1938, the month after the "peace of Munich."

Traditional Christmas toys, like dolls and rocking-horses, are being shipped by the hundred thousand all over the Empire, and among foreign lands, the countries of South America are good customers. Even the children of Ireland will find British toys in their Christmas stockings.

Among the adaptations of machinery brought about by the war are those effected in rope-making plants. Machines which used to make such prosaic things as clothes lines are now turning out aircraft cords, the vital links between the pilot and the complicated apparatus he controls. Elsewhere steel rope is being manufactured, some of it to tether balloon defences, some to be made into anti-submarine nets and mine-mooring rope, some into minesweeping rope.

Curtain-rod machinery is now making lines for field telephones.

## Christmas in the Holy Land



THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

and again ever since, but, until now, always at progressively lower rates of return as interest rates have declined.

"Parliament will meet again an institution more powerful than it has been for many generations," writes one observer.

"During these weeks of war its proceedings have been sometimes dramatic, sometimes rumbunctious. But always there has been effectiveness.

"There was nothing to equal it in the Great War. Then, nine times out of ten, the Government influenced Parliament. The difference is that Parliament now influences the Government. Day by day there has been an obvious and unconcealed anxiety of Ministers to meet the wishes of the House. . . .

"That is not to say that party issues and party principles have gone by the board. On the contrary, they have been as clear-cut as ever on certain issues and as keenly fought. But nobody can now question the supremacy of Parliament. . . .

"Parliament forced the Government to review and improve the allowances for men in the fighting services and to set up an inquiry into a remodelling of old age pensions.

"It secured a select committee to keep a watch on war expenditure. It insisted on measures to deal with profiteering. It made the Government climb down on the regulations under the Emergency Powers Act that would have brought back curfew, imprisonment without trial, and punishment for the dissemination of news and the propagation of opinion. . . .

"With a few days of its insistence on evacuation, 'the greatest exodus since Moses,' to quote Mr. Walter Elliott, was successfully carried out. . . . The Ministry of Information has been reformed and, by the same pressure, the Ministry of Shipping has been set up.

The machinery exists for urging the appeal. The National Savings Committee, set up in 1917, continues to function. It is linked with more than 40,000 local associations and committees all over the country and has a roll of 100,000 workers.

Already it is at work in factories and workshops and elsewhere advocating the advantages of the scheme, and this at no cost to the State. Prof. Keynes' compulsory plan would have necessitated an enormous increase in the staff of the Inland Revenue Department and the setting up of numerous additional tribunals in the journals which normally support the administration.

#### No Political Campaigns

ALTHOUGH the British public does not want political campaigns and elections just now, having, as they say in Lancashire, enough on their plate for the present, and although the three major political parties have obligingly consented to dispense with them "for the duration," certain minorities seem determined to make a nuisance of themselves when the death or resignation of a member of the House of Commons furnishes the opportunity.

Thus, some little time ago, the "Stop-the-War" people contested a Scottish seat and were overwhelmed by a landslide. Now it is the Independent Labor Party who are disturbing the political peace.

The rule has been that when a by-election comes on, the nominee of the party whose candidate had held the seat previously should not be opposed.

Stretford, in Lancashire, became vacant by the death of the Conservative member who had been returned in 1935 with a majority of almost two to one. The Liberal and Labor parties having respected the truce, a Conservative nominee should

have been returned without more ado. The Independent Labor Party, however, have put up a candidate, and now Stretford will have to go to the polls.

#### Change of Tunes

IT will be recalled that at the outbreak of the war Mr. Harry Pollitt lost his position as secretary of the Communist party because he had published a pamphlet supporting the national effort against Germany.

This was accepted as good Communist doctrine at the time, for was not Great Britain fighting to overthrow the Nazis? When, however, Russia invaded Poland the Communists promptly changed their attitude and stigmatized the war as one for imperialistic ends in which Communists had no interest. Mr. Pollitt was brought up on the carpet to be admonished for his pamphlet and to be discharged from his post.

He accepted the decision meekly, and occupied himself with such party activities of a humbler kind as were allotted to him. Now he has made a complete reconciliation, which reads much like one of the amazing confessions submitted at a trial of alleged conspirators at Moscow.

In the eyes of British Communists, apparently, Stalin can do no wrong. Former sympathizers with Communism in France are of a different opinion. Leon Jouhaux, chief of the French Confederation of Trade Unions, who had for years advocated "united fronts" and friendship with the Comintern, has found the trials and turns of the Moscow-led Reds too much to swallow. "French workmen," he has lately declared, "can no longer collaborate with those who have betrayed them. We have definitely broken with the Communists."

#### Radium Dangers

THE world would, I think, be little worse off if all the radium in the country now buried for security from bombing in deep holes, remained there.

This astonishing statement was made in the course of a paper read by Sir Leonard Hill, the famous physiologist, who is director of research to the St. John Clinic and Institute of Physical Medicine, at a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts.

This is a very fair statement of the facts, but the writer of it fails to recognize that the press has counted for a great deal. Much valuable criticism of the Government has come from Conservative newspapers. These, freed from purely political and party considerations, have not hesitated to speak out freely on occasion, and frequently members of the Opposition have taken their cue from leading articles in the journals which normally support the administration.

"The use of radium for the treatment of cancer," continued Sir Leonard, "has resulted in not a few cases in the production of intolerable and unremitting pain. It is claimed that modern X-ray methods can do all that radium does, and that dosage can be much better controlled."

Commenting on Sir Leonard's revolutionary statement, another great cancer expert said that, while his view was an extreme one, it was largely true. "Gradually the use of radium is going," he added. "We are not using it so much."

"Experience has shown that in certain forms of cancer radium is still probably better than either X-rays or the knife, and for these tumors radium is universally used. For the generality of tumors radium has been proved to be dangerous."

"Radium was discovered in Canada, but to work it properly the Canadians wanted a guarantee for a market for their radium."

"This country—I think it was the Government—gave a guarantee that it would take the produce. This resulted in the breaking of the virtual monopoly held by

for a long period under the sovereignty of Jutes, Saxons and Angles. The following legend regarding the mistletoe, from the Scandinavian mythology, may here be introduced: Balder, the god of poetry and eloquence, and second son of Odin and Friga, communicated one day to his mother a dream intimating that he should die. She (Friga) to protect her son invoked all the powers of nature—fire, air, earth and water, as well as animals and plants—and obtained an oath from them that they should do Balder no hurt. The latter then went and took his place amid the combats of the gods, and fought without fear in the midst of a shower of arrows. Louke, his enemy, resolved to discover the secret of Balder's invulnerability, and accordingly, disguising himself as an old woman, he addressed himself to Friga with complimentary remarks on the valor and good fortune of her son. The goddess replied that no substance could injure him, as all the productions of nature had bound themselves by an oath to refrain from doing him any harm. She added, however, with an awkward simplicity which appears so often to characterize mythical personages, that there was one plant which, from its insignificance, she did not think of conjuring, as it was impossible that it could inflict any hurt upon her son. Louke inquired the name of the plant in question, and was informed that it was a feeble little shoot, growing on the bark of the oak, with scarcely any soil. Then the treacherous Louke ran and procured the mistletoe, and, having entered the assembly of the gods, said to the blind Heda: "Why do you not contend with the arrows of Balder?" Heda replied: "I am blind and have no arms." Louke then presented him with an arrow formed from the mistletoe and said: "Balder is before thee." Heda shot and Balder fell pierced and slain.

The mistletoe, which has thus so many mystic associations connected with it, is believed to be propagated in its natural state by the mistle-thrush, which feeds upon its berries. The kiss under the mistletoe is one of the ancient rites observed by the lords of other days.

#### The Holly Tree

HOW many of you know why we decorate our homes with holly at Christmas time? People used to call it the "holy tree," and it was used to decorate churches at the Christmas festival.

There are several stories told about how the holly came to be thought a holy tree. One is that people thought that it was a holly bush which became the "burning bush" where God talked to Moses.

Another story is that when Christ was born the holly put forth red berries for the first time, to show that all Nature rejoiced.

A very ancient Norse legend says that Baldr, one of the Norse gods, was being pursued and shot at with arrows. A holly tree tried to shield him, and became spotted with Baldr's blood. So Odin ordered that in future the holly should bear scarlet berries in memory of its attempt to save the life of a god.

# Suburb and Country

AGRICULTURE IS A FIRST PRINCIPLE: ON IT RESTS THE LIFE AND HAPPINESS OF MANKIND—Julian A. Dimock

## What to Do When Planting Fruit Trees During Winter

**F**RUIT tree planting may be carried out at any time throughout the dormant period, providing the soil is in a suitable condition. As a matter of fact, the nature of the soil should be the controlling factor in the choosing of the time.

Everyone who has had fruit-planting experience knows the great importance of thoroughly firming the soil round the roots, as an aid to the quick development of the young fibres.

If, however, the soil is of a wet and sticky nature the firming operation does more harm than good, as it sets the soil round the roots in a solid bed. The outcome of this is that root development is checked, the trees making hardly any growth, instead of developing strongly.

Therefore, planting should be done only when the soil is in a nice, friable condition. It is better to plant rather late, with good soil condition, than earlier, with the soil in an unsuitable state.

It is surprising, even after very wet periods, how quickly the surface will dry after a few days of strong, keen winds.

Sharp frosts are equally hindering to the growth, so if the trees arrive from the nurseries at unsuitable planting times, the bundles should be placed, just as they are, in a shed or outhouse. They will keep safely thus for a few days, but if planting operations are likely to be held up for some time, the young trees should be unwrapped and heeled in.

This simply means digging a trench and throwing the earth on one side to form a bank. The trees are then laid singly against the bank, with their roots in the trench, and soil is then firm round the roots with the foot.

While in small gardens the layout is not of vital importance, where trees are to be planted commercially full consideration should be given to this important matter.

### Block Planting

**B**ECAUSE it is necessary to manure and spray systematically, it is most important to plant correctly. Thus apples, pears and plums should be kept to their individual blocks. Moreover, the blocks should be planted so as to enable full fertilization of the blossoms to be carried out.

Planting distances vary quite a lot, the nature of the soil, the variety of fruit, and the stock used being all controlling factors.

The soil should in all cases be well and deeply worked, a little previously to the planting operations. Where large areas are to be planted this is most cheaply, quickly and effectively done by modern mechanical methods.

As regards manuring on all soils of average fertility heavy pre-planting dressings of bulk manures are quite unnecessary in the case of top fruits. It is, however, quite helpful to incorporate in the soil a dressing of potash a little previous to planting. This applies to all types of soil. Sulphate of potash is by far the best form, and a dressing of from two to three cwt. per acre is quite suitable.

Wherever possible it is also a good plan to apply above the roots, in the early spring, a surface-mulch of littery manure.

Soft fruits, however, most certainly benefit from heavy applications of bulk organic manures before planting takes place. This is of extreme importance when planting such crops as raspberries and strawberries on the lighter soils, which quickly dry out.

In the actual planting operations it is never advisable to dig out the holes in advance, as unexpected rains may easily render them entirely unsuitable for planting. The position of the trees may be measured off and marked with sticks or canes, as this will enable planting to be quickly carried out when suitable conditions prevail.

Make certain that the sticks are in their right positions and in perfect line in all directions.

Small irregularities can easily be righted by sighting along the rows and moving individual sticks.

### Give Roots Plenty Space

In preparing the holes for the trees be sure to make good wide ones, always allowing a little space beyond the roots' extent. Avoid making the holes too deep, but see that the bottom surface is well broken up with a digging fork.

Where the lower soil is of a poor or sour nature, a little more may be removed, and it should be replaced with the more fertile surface soil.

Never plant trees too deeply, but as far as possible keep them at the depth indicated by the previous soil mark. On average soils, three to four inches over the topmost roots is all that is required. On heavy soils trees may be planted a little shallower and on light soils a little deeper.

Always examine trees before planting and cut off any badly damaged branches or roots.

Place the stem of the tree in the middle of the hole and spread the roots well out in all directions. Before returning the soil always make sure that the stem of the tree is in the right position, by glancing along the rows.

Do not bundle the soil back anyhow, but return a little at a time, working it well amongst the roots and keeping it firmed. By these means every rootlet has its

proper share of soil, and moreover, it is in the right condition to induce the formation of strong and healthy roots.

On the very heavy, clay soils it is always a sound proposition to have a supply of lighter soil hauled on to the ground and kept handy for working amongst the roots.

It is always a good plan to stake young trees strongly, as this insures them against wind-rocking, which is harmful to the roots, and may even cause the death of the trees. Trees should be staked either at planting time or as soon after as possible.

Stakes should in all cases be driven deeply into the soil, and full protection must be given to the bark of the trees where the ties are made.

### Testing to Determine Fertilizer Needs

**W**E all know that, to do well, any plant must be given soil which exactly suits its needs. That is why, when we are anxious to grow certain plants to perfection, we add particular fertilizers, or lime, or leaf-mould—as the case may be—to the soil.

For example, we know that rhododendrons and azaleas dislike lime. Where the soil is naturally limy we add peat to make ground more to the liking of these shrubs.

On the other hand, plants like brooms need lime, and if this be lacking we add it to the ground.

Not only do some plants like an acid soil and others an alkaline soil, but the degree of acidity and alkalinity is of importance. Because of this question of degree, rough and ready methods of testing soil for the presence or absence of lime is not adequate for thorough gardeners. It is desired to know how acid or how alkaline the soil actually is.

Science has come to the gardener's aid and introduced a method of testing the soil to indicate its exact condition.

The soil testing apparatus is very simple in itself and simple to use.

### Using a Soil Tester

**W**HEN using one make you take a small quantity of soil in a funnel. To the soil you add a few drops of a chemical known as indicator liquid. A special plate is held against the stem of the funnel and on to this percolates a few drops of liquid from the moistened soil.

The drops may be one of a wide range of colors—yellow, red, green, orange, mauve and blue, in varying shades.

The color of the liquid is compared with a color chart and the nature of the soil is at once known. Thus, the liquid may be bright orange, indicating that the soil is very acid; or it may be deep mauve, showing that it is extremely alkaline.

With this knowledge you can add suitable corrections to the soil—sulphate of ammonia, peat, sulphur, and so on to acid soils; lime, nitrate of soda, etc., to alkaline soils.

**Tells Romantic Story About Fried Chicken**

**P**OUSTRY, according to M. Thomas, chef at a well-known Montreal hotel, provides one of the dishes most pleasing to the general taste, and at least one recipe is surrounded by romance. This is the origin of fried chicken as told in the legend of "Poulet à la Marengo."

On June 14, 1800, 130 years ago, Napoleon Bonaparte in one of his lightning strokes defeated the Austrians at Marengo, and in celebration of his victory invited his leading generals to dinner at the evening.

Unfortunately the field kitchen had been unable to keep pace with the rapid advance, although Napoleon's chef, Duval, had pressed forward in a light van. The van, however, was not provisioned and Duval was faced with an almost unsurmountable problem. Napoleon had almost had dinner, and dinner there would have to be.

Dunant spied a farmhouse in the distance, and at once dispatched two battle-scarred veterans of Napoleon's escort to see what they could find. The old soldiers were hard put to it, but they managed to outflank three wandering chickens and gather a few tomatoes and a bunch of garlic. With these materials, Napoleon's chef had to uphold his reputation and with the imperial order.

Reversing modern customs, in ancient times it was a superstition that if a milkmaid at cockerel did not wash her hands after milking, her cows would go dry.

In olden times, poultry figured prominently in oaths, sacred and profane. In Henry IV, Shakespeare writes "By Cook and Pie, Sir, You Shall Not Away Tonight." In the days of chivalry, it was the practice to make solemn vows for the performance of a certain enterprise. This was usually done at a festival, when roasted poultry was served in a dish of gold and silver, and presented to the knight who then made his vow with great solemnity.

In the temples of the oracles of the Greeks and Romans, chickens were sacred birds. There is an old Roman story that when the soothsayers, or augurs, told Publius Clodius Pulcher, the Roman Consul, who was about to engage the Carthaginian fleet in battle, that the sacred chickens at the temple would not eat and that he had better not start the battle, he replied in breezy, sailor-like fashion,

"Then toss them into the sea that they may drink."



BLOOMS FOR THE YULETIDE TRADE  
Greenhouses About Victoria Have Been Busy During the Last Week Marketing Thousands of Flowers of Many Varieties and Species. The Colonist Photographer Took This Picture in one of the Houses of the North Quadra Florists, Allen Ballantine, as Preparations Were Being Made to Move the Beautiful Blooms to Market. Miss Irene Campbell, Shown Here, Is One of Mr. Ballantine's Assistants.

## Poultry Long Prominent in Religion and Literature

**I**N the social customs, religion and literature of all nations from time immemorial, poultry has played an important part, particularly in literature. Among the best-known references is that to the hen and the gathering of the chickens under her wings in Matthew xxiii, 37, and the stark drama of the cockcrow also referred to in Matthew xxvi, 74 and 75.

In the English language poultry references and phrases are numerous. For example, there are birds of a feather, in full feather, showing the white feather (from the assumption that no game cock has a white feather); feather an ear (from the motion of a bird's wing); feather his nest; fine feathers make fine birds; feather in your cap (from the old custom of adding a feather to headdress for every enemy slain); cut a feather (said when a boat travels fast); chicken hearted; she's no chicken; don't count your chickens before they are hatched; fussy as a hen with one chicken; a hen party; hen-pecked (from the fact that a rooster is a brave bird at large, but is frequently under hen government, and well pecked at that in the coop); hen and chickens, a very old name from the Pleiades, the "Seven Sisters," by which the Romans were said to have steered on their first voyage to invade Britain, and there there is a whistling maid and a crowing hen are neither fit for gods nor men.

**Goose in Literature**

**T**HE goose also comes in for its literary share, in cooking your goose; kill the goose that lays the golden eggs; old mother goose; and in Egyptian hieroglyphics, the goose was the emblem for a silly fellow, while the rooster among his many references has cock-a-woop; cock and bull story; cocksure; don't crow before you are out of the woods, and many other sayings.

In poetry, various odes have been addressed to farm birds.

The chief interest in poultry in these days is that it is an excellent food product at any time of the year.

### Iodine for Livestock in Winter Quarters

**W**ITH stock of all kinds now in winter quarters, it behoves the stockman to see that the iodine requirements are supplied. This is particularly true of breeding females. Fresh air, clean food, and exercise are each essential to best results, but no animal will make the maximum use of its ration without a proper iodine balance. Scarcity of iodine is most plainly noted by hairlessness in young pigs, navel ill in foals and goitre in calves and lambs. It also shows a less noticeable degree in lack of general thrift and lack of condition in growing and fattening animals.

Iodine has been supplied in the form of potassium iodide to pregnant mares on the Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz, B.C., for a number of years with complete absence of navel ill in the foals. One-third of a teaspoonful may be given in the food or drinking water semi-monthly with satisfactory results. These same amounts are suitable for cows. An ounce of potassium iodide dissolved in a gallon of water and a teaspoonful of the liquid fed daily per sow will give satisfaction. An ounce per day is the small quantity of warm water and added to twenty-five pounds of salt is the correct amount for pregnant ewes. The salt may be kept before the ewes at all times.

Commercial iodized stock salt is now available, which if used regularly contains sufficient iodine to prevent the occurrence of iodine deficiency diseases in most cases. The only exception might be in the ease of large animals like brood mares, or when the deficiency is particularly noticeable, in which cases the specific doses mentioned would be in order. Iodized salt must be stored in a dry place to avoid leaching of the iodine.

Lily-of-the-valley is one of the most satisfactory of all flowers for growing indoors, yet comparatively few persons use it; forcing "pips" (roots) started now will flower within a month or so; by repeated replanting the fragrant, dainty white bells may be enjoyed throughout the winter.

### Rooster Was Revered

**T**HE rooster was a revered bird in ancient times. Because it gave notice of the rising sun, it was dedicated to Apollo, the sun god, and because the rooster also summoned men to business by his crow, it was also dedicated to Mercury. "Never sacrifice a white rooster" was one of the doctrines of Pythagoras, because it was sacred to the moon. The Greeks said

## The Causes and Cure of Depraved Appetite In Poultry Flock

**A**DEPRAVED appetite is one which is abnormal, so that the bird eats anything in preference to its usual foods. It may eat litter, feathers, pieces of sticks, eggs, cinders, gravel or soil in addition to its ordinary diet, and in severe instances in substitution of food.

At night the crop is usually half empty. If conditions are such that the appetite remains abnormal, the bird will lose flesh, become ruffled in plumage and may show some diarrhoea.

If several birds in a pen are found to be abnormal, it is likely that severe mismanagement is the cause.

Depraved appetite may be caused by deficiencies in feeding, upset of the digestive organs, vice and disease.

If the bird is eating soil, it is probable that the mash is deficient in minerals, and two pounds of iodized mineral mixture should be mixed in each hundred-weight of mash. When gravel, cinders or twigs are eaten in large quantities, the probability is that the birds require both flint grit and oyster shell.

If the crop contains a mass of twisted grass, which, by the way, provides little food value at this time of the year, it usually points to a lack of vitamins, especially vitamins A and B. To ensure their sufficiency, the mash should contain 20 per cent of yellow corn meal and 10 per cent alfalfa or clover meal.

### Attempts Own Doctoring

**A**NY abnormality of the digestive tract, from the crop to the large intestine, will cause irritation or inflammation, so that the bird eats substances which it believes will remove the offending cause—litter and flakes of whitewash.

In such cases the birds should be given a dose of Epsom salts in order to expel the cause of the irritation—cocciida, perhaps. The dose is one pound of salts dissolved in sufficient water to mix just the amount of wet mash which will be eaten eagerly by 100 birds.

An infestation of the intestines by worms is especially likely to cause an abnormal appetite and the excreta should be examined for worms. If they are found, the birds should each be given a worm capsule.

Where feathers or eggs are eaten, or birds' bodies are attacked by other birds, it is an indication of vice which may have begun with a depraved appetite. It is liable to increase because of mimicry. In these cases the cause of the outbreak of vice must be found and removed. The offending birds should be treated individually by paring the beak, fitting wire guards, or making use of evil-tasting ergs.

### Cut Back 'Mums

**T**HE pot chrysanthemums in all sections—Japanese, Incurve, and Single—will soon finish flowering. Don't allow the stock plants to fall into a state of neglect, otherwise the quality of next year's plants will be adversely affected.

As soon as the flowers are no longer decorative, cut down the plants to within six inches of the pot tops, making a clean, slanting cut through the stems.

Then, with a pointed stick remove two inches of the top soil, replacing it with a mixture of equal parts ridded loam, leaf-mould and sand. This compost stimulates the rapid formation of fine sturdy cuttings.

If there are any weak basal growths on the plants now, remove them at their base, and make a fresh start with real, good strong stuff. Stand the pots on a light stage and water moderately.

If by any chance the greenhouse is crowded, shake the plants out and set them in boxes at six inches apart, using the compost already advised. This alternative method, though not quite so good, results in the production of excellent cuttings.

### Persian Lamb in Canada

**I**N 1909 the first importation of Karakul sheep was made in North America with the object of producing on this side of the Atlantic what is known to the trade as Persian lamb and Broadtail fur. At the present time there are four purebred flocks of these sheep in Canada. Recognition under the Canadian National Livestock Records gives the breed equal status with other breeds of sheep so far as registration is concerned, and it is expected that other purebred flocks may be established in the Dominion.

In its natural habitat in Bukhara, Russian Turkestan, the Karakul sheep has to withstand extreme temperatures and dry seasons. The breed, therefore, has many hardy qualities, and while conditions in Canada may be much different, there is no reason to suppose that these sheep would not thrive under good management in Canada.

Don't dig, plant or sow when the soil is too wet to work nicely. However anxious you are to do a job, you gain nothing by working on land when it puddles.

Don't spread stable manure on the land and leave it there for more than a week, otherwise the action of the air will rob it of nitrogen, which is its principal food.



## A Page for the Children



BY HUGH WALLACE

sang, as merry a group as one could wish to see. And when, at last, they arrived at Mr. Jack Rabbit's house, where the Yule Log was to be burned, Rickey expressed the thought that was in all their minds. "You know," he said, "Getting a Yule Log is nearly as much fun as Christmas, except for the presents."

### A Birthday Present for the Christ-Child

By FRANCES EBB-CANAVAN

DICKY was a little crippled boy who lay quite still in his white bed at the Solarium for Crippled Children. Dicky had been sent to the Solarium so that his little crooked body could be made straight and strong. He was all encased in a cast which prevented his moving about.

"Dicky," said an odd little figure on crutches, coming close to Dicky's bed. "What do you want for Christmas? I've asked Santa Claus for a scooter, and I'm going to get it, too!"

"I'd like an airship," said Dicky. "I want to fly away and away." His tired eyes opened very wide and he smiled hopefully.

"Well," said Tommie, "I guess you could some day, when you get out of your cast; and you know Santa Claus will bring you anything you ask for," and Tommie hopped off quite briskly to race another friend, in a wheel chair, down the centre of the ward.

All the children were very busy making Christmas gifts for their fathers and their mothers, their nurses and their teachers. Miss Penny had told them that they should prepare their hearts for the coming of the Christ Child, and as Christmas is His birthday they should make presents for Him, too. The presents which would please Him most, Miss Penny explained, would be the giving up of something one liked very much to do, or the giving away to somebody else something that was one's very own. That evening the children were each going to tell Miss Penny what they could do for the Christ Child's birthday.

Everybody had thought of something, all except Dicky. There were so few things he could do. He closed his eyes and thought and thought.

"All day long the wards were being hung with ivy and holly, and bells, and snowballs, and bright tinsel, and strings of electric lights. There were decorated trees in the hallways, and two specially fine, big trees, one in either ward, and the spicy smell of spruce and pine boughs filled the air.

And now Miss Penny had begun her rounds of the little beds. Tommie, in the bed next to Dicky, stretched out his "good" leg until his foot was resting on Dicky's bed and just within reach of Dicky's right hand, the fingers of which could move very slightly. This was a game they had invented. Every night Tommie's foot moved stealthily along until it touched Dicky's fingers, and then Dicky tickled Tommie's toes ever so lightly, and Tommie wriggled his toes and giggled, and Dicky behind the smile.

"Why not take one of those?" asked Rickey pointing to the logs frozen in the mill pond.

"Well," exclaimed Mister Beaver, "It's certainly been a long time since anyone came asking for a Yule Log." He scratched his chin thoughtfully. "Umphmmmm; let me see. I wonder if there isn't one behind the mill."

"I do," Danny flung back over his shoulder as he ran through the doorway.

Half an hour later and the little wood folk were trudging through the snow deep in the forest in search of a suitable Yule Log. Every tree was carefully examined. This one was too thick; that one not thick enough; another proved to be hemlock, which makes a very poor fire, and the best one they found was located on the edge of a ravine in an impossible position for cutting.

"I had no idea it was so hard to find a tree in a forest," remarked Danny Raccoon as he brushed away the snow and sat down on a log between Rickey Rat and Robert Robin. "We had better wait here for Billy Bruin and Mister Jack Rabbit."

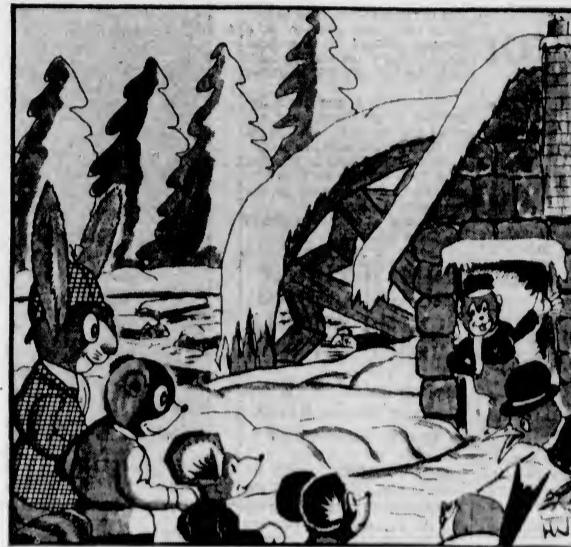
Billy Bruin and Mister Jack Rabbit had better luck than the others. True, there were lots of trees, but none of them seemed just right for a Yule Log.

"There must be one some place," sighed Mister Rabbit.

"Here comes Busy-Body Blue Jay, perhaps he knows of a tree," said Rickey, pointing to the approaching bird.

Blue Jay, the biggest gossip and busybody in the woods, perched on a limb over their heads and cocked an eye down on the sad group below him. "Well, well, well," he chortled, "I thought you people were always so cheerful. Always glad, never sad. Ta, ta-dea. Getting to be a regular song bird."

The little wood folk didn't like Busy-Body a great deal, because not only did he tell everything he knew, but he also had



## Story of Morag's Stocking

By ALMA FLETT, Age Ten

MORAG rose with the birds and stepped on the brown sheepskin rug, on to the mud floor and then to the wool rug with the white and grey sea gulls on it that her mother had just made, and landed like a little seal upon the warm hearth.

She lived in one of the "black houses" on the Island of Scalpay in Scotland. Her long stocking lay there, bulging like old Mary More's sore leg, and the note she had written to Santa lay beside it. She had asked for a dolly with real hair, and a little live mermaid, if he had one.

First of all she would kindle the peat fire so that she could sit in comfort and gloat over her treasures. Getting down on her knees she puffed her little round cheeks and let out a gentle stream of air, taking care to back away, but still blowing to keep the fine peat dust out of her nostrils. Little fairy sparks appeared separately from among the grey ashes. Then they seemed to join in a merry dance. More came, and they spread upwards to the little pieces of black peat she had put on top. Soon the yellow flames came dancing around the smoky hook on its long chain. She hoped Santa had not blackened his nice white beard coming down, or got caught on the hook.

Still she delayed the glad moment of looking in her stocking. Instead, she half filled the porridge pot from the big wooden water bucket, carrying the water across the room from beside the door in a bowl, over to the pot, which was too heavy to carry. All this took some time. Her mother would soon rise to milk the cow, and what a pleasant surprise she would have to find the water boiling.

### Back Into Bed

AT last! back to bed with her stocking, she covered her knees with her white flannelette sheet, then the wool blanket made by her mother from their own dark brown sheep's wool. Lastly, she pulled up the patchwork quilt, well stuffed with sphagnum moss. It was gay and lumpy, like the fat, old lady she had once seen at a fair reading fortunes.

Morag was now a fairy princess, with her hand for a magic wand. In went, bringing out a big, rosy apple. Where it came from to that island home in the midst of the ocean is a mystery, but possibly Santa got it passing through British Columbia. She pressed its cool smoothness to her cheek, shutting her eyes to enjoy its delicate perfume, which told her of a land where it did not rain every day, and where the wind had no sting.

There were no trees on the island and very few flowers. No one bothered with a garden, even to grow vegetables. Her father had often planted one, but became discouraged. The Summers were too short, but he grew a few oats and potatoes.

Putting aside the apple in a little valley in the quilt, she pulled out of her stocking something so lovely that it took her breath away. It was a wooden doll, about half as long as her arms. Its arms and legs could move, and the face, with its large blue eyes and cherry red cheeks and lips, was just like a flower. Like a flower, too, was its beautiful blue silk dress, embroidered with bead flowers in pink, yellow and black. The doll had pink-knitted underwear, too, just the same as Morag's, and a dear little sun hat made of woven grass, and little pink house slippers. She carried a little grass basket filled with yellow, white and green candies. Besides, she had real hair, a little different from human hair. It was very fluffy, like wool, but just perfect. On Figua—the name she had decided to call her doll.

Morag said to herself, "Dear Santa, excuse me for being so greedy, but I hope you brought the little mermaid, too."

Through Morag looked for her everywhere she could not find her. She even went into the byre to look, for she thought Santa might have left her there on his way in, because he could have come in by the door, instead of down the chimney. To reach the kitchen he would have to open the door, walk through the byre, and into the only room of the house.

Heather, Molly and Stirkie, the calf, just looked at her, moving their soft mouths, and she wondered if they had eaten the mermaid. Just then her mother got up, and laughed and cried with glee when she saw the presents.

After breakfast, Morag's father, and Dan, the Collie dog, and herself went down to the beach for seaweed to put on the garden, but still there was no mermaid to be found, only a big, grey seal that swam around with its face out of the water like a dog. Her father thought Morag looked like a mermaid with the wet mist in her brown hair, looking like little pearls. Then he sang "My Nut Brown Maiden" in Gaelic while he worked. Morag twisted the long tangled seaweed into rings, which made them easy to carry.

Later, they had dinner of salt herring and potatoes, and a pudding made of carageen, which tasted very good to Morag, though some people would think it "fishy." All day Morag said to herself, "I am the happiest girl in the world." And she was.

## THE ADVENTURES OF BILLY BRUN



# Great Britain and the Dominions Overseas

## Dog Racing Puts Football Behind As a Competitor

Bigger Crowds Attend Saturday Meetings in London Than Patronize Soccer Matches—Was Formerly Evening Sport Before Black-Outs Instituted—Good Football Still Pays

By HENRY J. HENRY

LONDON (BUP)—Bigger crowds are attending London's greyhound meetings on Saturday afternoons than were watching the new Regional soccer games. It appears that for the first time in history soccer is having to contend with a serious competitor in its appeal to the public.

Before the nights of black-outs greyhound racing was an evening sport except for an occasional afternoon meeting, and soccer did not have to worry about it.

There seems to be much point in this competition with soccer, however.

The six London football matches in one of the latest series of the Regional games attracted 26,000 people and thanks to Clapton Orient and Arsenal match, there was an average of 4,300.

On the same afternoon there were eight greyhound race meetings in the London area.

### BIGGER ATTENDANCE

The White City, with 12,000, had a bigger attendance than any of the football matches. The aggregate for the eight was 33,000 and the average 4,750—a few hundred more than the football match average.

Now, of course, there are many people who say that soccer fans and greyhound racing fans are two entirely different peoples and that therefore the two sports do not contend with each other for the public's support.

But that is not quite true. I know numerous people who attend both greyhound racing meetings and soccer matches. For instance, in peace time many people will go to a soccer match in the afternoon and go to the "dogs" in the evening.

When greyhound racing was first introduced into London many of the football clubs were in fear and trembling lest the new sport rob them of many of their patrons.

### SHORTLIVED FEAR

But their fear was shortlived, because the greyhounds elected to run at nights, and thus leave soccer with a clear call on the afternoons, particularly Saturday afternoons.

Now things are different, and going by figures quoted above, it certainly seems that greyhound racing has as much pulling power as Britain war-time regional soccer.

At the same time it should be pointed out that Clapton Orient drew a maximum crowd of 8,000 for the Arsenal match at Leyton at a time when Clapton (4,000), Hackney Wick (4,000) and Walthamstow (3,000) were all holding greyhound meetings not many miles away from their grounds.

Which makes it look as though the public will still pay to see a good soccer match in preference to any other form of sport.

## CORN INDUSTRY IS MADE SAFE

Realization Brings Reaction To Neutrality Ideas in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG.—If South Africa had been neutral 11,000,000 bags of maize would have been left to rot in the grain elevator system of the country. That fact is today becoming obvious to the maize farmers—undoubtedly the strongest political group in the country—and the result has been an immediate reaction against neutrality ideas.

When war was declared, the Union had exported only 3,500,000 bags of its crop, although 6,400,000 had been committed for shipment.

### CALAMITY THREAT

Calamity threatened exporting organizations, since in terms of the charter a number of shipping firms revolted. But the British Government agreed to meet the extra charge of 33.3 per cent on shipplings booked before September 4, and thus ensured that the contracts were carried out.

The Union had therefore just started exporting its huge maize surplus when war was declared, and one of the first effects of joining the Allies was the guarantee that regular shipments would continue.

"I am now experiencing no difficulty in chartering ships," a big exporter told me yesterday. "They are all being effectively convoyed and the whole of our export business is working almost as smoothly as in normal times."—Rand Daily Mail.

## German Refugee Expresses Thanks

LONDON (BUP)—A gold wedding ring, "the last property of gold the Nazis allowed me to emigrate with," has been sent by a German refugee to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund for the sick and wounded in war.

"The gift is a very little expression of my thanks, and my wife's and my children's thanks for the freedom and the hospitality we found here in England after those terrible years of persecution and oppression in the last years," he wrote.

The fund already has passed the \$2,500,000 mark.

## CHURCH SHOWS STAND ON WAR

Anglican Synod of Johannesburg Diocese Gives Vote for Participation

JOHANNESBURG.—By 118 votes to nine the synod of the Johannesburg Diocese, which began its sessions in the Darragh Hall recently, adopted a resolution justifying the participation of Christians in war. The vote was taken after a debate lasting two hours, and those supporting praised the courage and sincerity of Rev. T. J. Savage, rector of Springs, who had spoken with great eloquence in asking the synod to take the opposite view.

Mr. Savage moved: "That this synod affirms its adherence to the teaching of the 37th Article of Religion that it is lawful to defend one's country, and that under no provocation would He have killed other men or allowed His followers to do so."

As an amendment Father C. H. S. Runge, D.S.O., M.C., moved:

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Mr. Savage admitted that his motion was framed against the participation of Christian men in war, and said he had been told that what he proposed was contrary to the doctrines of the Anglican Church. He was fully persuaded that that was so, and he wanted to get that particular doctrine of the church changed.

He was not alone in that, because he had the support of the bishops at the Lambeth Conference in 1930, when they had passed a resolution affirming that "war as a method of settling international disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Father Runge, who has a distinguished record of military service in the last war, moving his amendment said: "The alternative to war in present conditions is not peace and justice. That point was not mentioned by Mr. Savage, but I think we must clearly bear it in mind. We have to choose not between war and injustice, oppression and persecution."

He added that it was a Christian principle to adopt the best course possible in the circumstances.—Rand Daily Mail.

## RECOMMENDING MEN TO TAKE COMMISSIONS

### SHADES ARE LIMITED

LONDON (BUP).—Since the outbreak of war, 7,000 men serving in the ranks of the British Army have been recommended for training as officers, according to War Minister Hore-Belisha. He told Parliament this total would be increased considerably.

Sir T. B. Sapru, noted lawyer and former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, who speaks for a great section of moderate opinion, welcomes the consultative group proposed by

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